

# Multi-Family Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

## New **Options** for Residential Landlords

Hazardous waste generated by a residential (multi-family) property owner while maintaining his/her building and/or left behind by a tenant in Alameda County will now be accepted for free at the four county drop-off centers. Multi-family property owners must follow the protocol for businesses described below.

You must enroll in advance for this program, by registering as a conditionally exempt small quantity generator (CESQG), and following the rules listed below. The simple forms are available here: [www.StopWaste.org/hhw](http://www.StopWaste.org/hhw)

- Landlords or Property owners (as a business) must obtain an EPA id number (quick & free by visiting the California Environmental Protection Agency (CAL-EPA) website [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/ID\\_Numbers.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/ID_Numbers.cfm).)
- The landlord or property owner must set up an free account with the program
- The landlord or property owner must make a business waste appointment
- Business appointment days are different for household drop-off days ( and rarely have lines)
- There are limits to the amount of waste that can be accepted.

Federal and state laws place restrictions on businesses and facilities that accept business hazardous waste. Under these laws, a residential landlord is considered a business.

A small residential landlord, having **4 units or smaller** on the same parcel, whose legal residence is in one of the units is considered a household and can **use the household program**.

### Recommended Best Practices for Tenant Education

- Tenants should be informed of their responsibility to handle their own waste from the beginning of their tenancy, and of the availability and location of HHW facilities.
- Consider making it part of the standard lease agreement and an element of the security deposit
- Flyers/brochures for the HHW facilities, available for download on [stopwaste.org](http://stopwaste.org) should be provided on move in and periodically throughout the year particularly at seasonal clean up times.

### Local Options for Drop Off

- Local options: some retail stores that sell paint, batteries, e-waste and compact fluorescents take them back; check online at [www.StopWaste.org/hhw](http://www.StopWaste.org/hhw)
- Landlords may also use local options for small quantities of business waste subject to the terms and conditions of the store.

Visit [www.StopWaste.org/hhw](http://www.StopWaste.org/hhw) for more details or call: 800-606-6606



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who can come and how much can I bring?

Alameda County rental housing owners and condo association operators. You must:

- Be located in and generate waste in Alameda County
- Qualify as a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) as defined in the California Healthy and Safety Code, section 25218.1 and the Code of Federal Regulations section, 40261.5 (copy enclosed).
- Produce and bring less than 220 lbs. (about 27 gallons of 'covered' hazardous waste per month.
- Have less than 2,200 lbs (about 200 full one gallon paint cans or 45 full five gallon buckets of oil based paint) of covered hazardous waste in storage at any time.

### What is 'Covered' Hazardous Waste = What Can I Bring?

In common terms, Covered waste is: Toxic/poison, flammable, corrosive, ignitable or other environmentally hazardous waste. Common types include:

- Oil based paint, solvents, pesticides, household cleaners, auto and garden products, propane, adhesives and arts and crafts products are typically hazardous waste and are subject to the thresholds listed above.
- Fluorescent lamps and bulbs, thermostats and other items containing mercury.
- Radios, electronics, computers, cell phones and monitors.
- Latex paint, aerosol cans of any type, household type batteries.

To see a complete list of what's accepted at HHW Facilities, visit: [www.StopWaste.org/hhw](http://www.StopWaste.org/hhw)

### How to Get Started

1. Get an EPA ID number for covered waste. Visit the California Environmental Protection Agency (CAL-EPA) website [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/ID\\_Numbers.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/ID_Numbers.cfm) or call the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA) at 800-618-6942 to apply for an EPA ID. In many cases, EPA ID numbers can be assigned over the phone.
2. If your property (business) already has an EPA ID number, go to the next step.
3. Fill out and return the Self-Certification Form. Download and complete the certification information form at [www.StopWaste.org/hhw](http://www.StopWaste.org/hhw) and return by fax: 510-293-9374 or email: [HHW@acgov.org](mailto:HHW@acgov.org) and we will open an account for you.

NOTE: State, County and local hazardous materials regulating agencies reserve the right to visit your organization to verify your qualifications as a CESQG.

4. Call for an appointment. After we have reviewed your certification form, we will open an account and send you a confirmation letter that you are eligible to participate in our program. When you receive the letter, please call 510-670-6460 to make your appointment.

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