

Small Quantity Generator Requirements

1 Designate your waste

Designation is the process of determining whether a waste is hazardous and what the hazards are. It is an important step in running your business successfully. You must designate your waste to determine your generator status and know how to manage and dispose of your hazardous wastes.

2 Handle and store hazardous waste safely

If handled improperly, many common wastes can threaten the safety of your facility, your workers, and the surrounding community. In order to prevent dangerous situations, you must keep your containers closed, in good condition, and labeled. Containers stored outdoors must be in secondary containment and stored under cover. In the event of a spill, you need to be prepared with the proper materials to provide immediate and appropriate cleanup.

3 Recycle or dispose of hazardous waste properly

Many businesses hire a hazardous waste service provider to transport and dispose of their wastes. Even if you hire a contractor, it is still your responsibility to ensure proper disposal.

Lifecycle of Your Hazardous Waste

Generation



Your business may generate hazardous waste that need to be taken care of safely

Storage



It is important to manage your waste safely while at your facility. Make sure all waste containers are labeled, stored and managed properly

Transportation



As a small quantity generator, you may transport your own waste to a disposal facility or hire a vendor to dispose of your waste for you

Treatment



Hazardous wastes must often be stabilized and solidified by your vendor in order to be recycled or landfilled



Incineration

Certain kinds of waste are incinerated for energy, while also eliminating the toxins found in hazardous waste



Landfill

Treated wastes enter a landfill; there they are monitored to ensure they are not harming the environment



Recycle

Materials are reclaimed and converted into a new product, giving it a second life