



# Eliminate Hazardous Waste

*Integrate Best Management Practices (BMPs) into your business to comply with laws that protect stormwater and the environment.*

*Find business-specific ideas at:  
[www.flowstobay.org / bmp](http://www.flowstobay.org/bmp)*

## LESS TOXIC TIPS

- Recycle / properly dispose of hazardous products
- Reduce use of toxic products—identify safer cleaning products, pesticides, fertilizers, and building maintenance materials
- Use rechargeable batteries, tools and appliances
- Buy cleaners, paints, batteries, and other supplies in optimally sized containers to reduce waste
- Replace standard fluorescent lights with low mercury fluorescent lights
- Educate and train employees and contractors

### VERY SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR PROGRAM SAN MATEO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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[www.smhealth.org/vsqq](http://www.smhealth.org/vsqq)

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## SAN MATEO COUNTY

### *Hazardous Waste Disposal and Recycling Options for Businesses*

VERY SMALL QUANTITY  
GENERATOR (VSQG)  
PROGRAM



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## WHAT IS THE VSQG PROGRAM?

An inexpensive hazardous waste recycling and disposal option for small businesses, non-profits, and agencies operating in San Mateo County.



San Mateo County Hazardous Waste Facility

## WHO QUALIFIES?

Businesses that generate less than 100 kilograms (27 gallons or 220 pounds) of waste per month. Some businesses do not generate waste on a regular basis, but can qualify by having common hazardous wastes on site for less frequent disposal.

## DON'T QUALIFY?

If your business generates more than 100 kilograms of waste per month, visit the County Health Department's website at [www.smhealth.org/vsqq](http://www.smhealth.org/vsqq) or call 650-372-6200 for a list of commercial hazardous waste haulers.



## PROGRAM DESIGN

1. Determine eligibility. Are you qualified?

2. Get an EPA ID number (if needed).

Call 1-800-618-6942  
or visit [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov)

3. Prepare an itemized waste inventory list.

Include container size and amount of each waste type.

3. Make an appointment (mandatory).

Call 650-363-4718

Drop-off days are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at the San Mateo County Hazardous Waste Facility from 10am-2pm. Have your EPA ID # and Waste Inventory List ready.

5. Receive confirmation from the program.

Program staff will provide you with the disposal costs and information for your appointment, including driving directions to the collection location.

6. Package & transport waste with payment.

Package waste in sturdy, non-leaking containers—not larger than 5 gallons or 50 pounds in size. **DO NOT MIX WASTES!**

## COMMON WASTES ACCEPTED:

- Latex & Oil-Based Paint
- Thinner/Varnish/Stains
- Batteries
- Propane tanks
- Fertilizers/Pesticides
- Flammable Liquids/Solids



- Fluorescent Light Tubes & CFL's
- Photo Chemicals
- Solvents
- Oxidizers
- Poisons



- Inks
- Aerosol Cans
- Acids & Bases



FOR A LIST OF ALL ACCEPTABLE WASTE & CURRENT DISPOSAL RATES, VISIT:

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or call 650-372-6200

## UNACCEPTABLE WASTES:

- Radioactive Waste
- Electronic Waste and Appliances
- Compressed Gas Cylinders (except propane)
- Medical/Biological Wastes
- Tires
- Asbestos
- Explosives & Ammunition