

Washington State Department of Health
Clandestine Drug Lab Program

GUIDELINES FOR DISPOSAL OF DANGEROUS WASTE AT CDL SITES

A variety of chemicals found at clandestine drug lab manufacturing sites are designated as dangerous waste. To protect the environment and health of Washington's communities, proper disposal of this waste is essential. Management and disposal of dangerous waste generated in Washington is regulated by the Dangerous Waste Regulations, Chapter 173-303 WAC. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) removes clandestine drug lab (cdl) hazardous wastes and Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJ) oversee the remediation of contaminated properties. Circumstances arise where certified cdl decontamination contractors find chemicals after Ecology has left the site. The following protocols should be followed when this occurs.

- 1. Newly Found Chemicals:** Department certified decontamination contractors should contact Local Health staff when additional chemicals or high-hazard chemical containers such as ammonia cylinders and HCl generators, not mentioned in the submitted work plan are found on site.
- 2. Ammonia Cylinders & HCl Generators:** Do not touch the cylinders or generators. Do not conduct any work in the area. Call the WA State Department of Emergency Management 1-800-258-5990. Your message will be relayed to the appropriate regional Ecology office and you will receive a call back.
- 3. Small Quantity Generator (SQG):** Any dangerous waste found at cdl sites is linked to the physical address, making the property owner the SQG, not the cdl decontamination contractor. The property owner may then contract with the decontamination contractor to provide the services of designation, and/or transport of the dangerous waste to a disposal facility. Small quantity generators are exempt from most of the state and federal regulations if they remain within these limits:

- Generate up to 220 pounds of dangerous waste or up to 2.2 pounds of certain pesticides or poisons each month or batch at a given site
- Determine if their waste is a dangerous waste.
- Manage their waste in a way that does not pose a threat to human health or the environment.
- Treat or dispose of their waste legally.

If over 220 pounds of dangerous waste or 2.2 pounds of certain pesticides or poisons is generated at a cdl site, additional regulation requirements apply. Contact the LHJ for further guidance.

4. Other Dangerous Waste: In addition to clandestine drug lab chemicals left on site, contractors need to screen waste for any other dangerous waste. Contractors may be responsible for disposal of chemicals that appear not to be associated with drug lab manufacturing. The following list is an example of chemicals and items that must be disposed of as dangerous waste. Do not dispose of them by dumping on the ground, in a septic system, in the sanitary sewer or in the garbage. Check with the county regulators for specific guidance and regulations.

- Oven cleaners
- Metal/furniture polishes
- Spot removers
- Bleaches
- Toilet bowl/drain cleaners
- Weed killers
- Insecticides
- Fertilizer with weed killer
- Wood preservatives
- Gasoline/diesel fuel
- Antifreeze
- Brake/transmission fluid
- Degreasers
- Motor oil
- Automotive batteries
- Driveway sealers
- Paints and thinners
- Paint removers
- Stains and varnishes
- Epoxies and adhesives
- Solvents
- Pool chemicals
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Containers with unknown/suspect liquids
- Products with labels that contain the word DANGER, POISON or FLAMMABLE
- Appliances with refrigerant – refrigerators and air conditioners
- Mercury containing items such as thermostats and fluorescent light tubes
- Computer monitors
- Light ballasts (unless marked “No PCBs”)
- Asbestos, sharps and contaminated soil require special handling and in some cases permits

DISPOSAL PROCEDURES FOR CHEMICALS UNDER 220 POUNDS:

- Inspect containers for leaks and loose fitting lids
- Place chemical containers in plastic buckets making certain to separate them by using one bucket for each container
- Secure buckets for safe transport to hazardous waste facility
- Provide completed paperwork to disposal facility

DISPOSAL FACILITIES BY COUNTY

This is not an endorsement and is only a partial list of available facilities. Check within the counties for a comprehensive list.

Benton County	Moderate Risk Waste Facility 3102 Twin Bridges Rd Richland WA 99352 (509) 942-7387
Island County	Recycle Hazardous Waste 20062 State Route 20 Coupeville, WA 98239 (360) 679-7386
King County:	Philips Services 800-327-7759
Kitsap County:	Moderate Risk Waste Facility 5551 Imperial Way Bremerton, WA (360) 337-5777
Kittitas County:	Kittitas County Solid Waste Moderate Risk Waste Facility 925 Industrial Way Ellensburg, WA 98926 Phone: (509) 962-7577 (509) 962-7070
Mason County:	Moderate Risk Waste Facility 5551 Imperial Way Bremerton, WA (360) 337-5777 or (360) 337-5781

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Okanogan County:	Moderate Risk Waste 1234A 2nd Ave So Okanogan, WA 98840 (509) 422-2602
Pierce County:	Philips Services Corp 1629 E Alexander Ave Tacoma, WA (253) 383-3044
	Spencer Environmental (800) 286-0896
	Emerald Petroleum Services (206) 832-3100
Skagit County	14104 Ovenell Rd Mount Vernon, WA 98273 (360) 424-9532
Snohomish County:	Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Station 3434 McDougall Ave Everett, WA Phone Number: 425-388-6050
Spokane County	Waste to Energy Plant 2900 S Geiger Blvd Spokane WA 99204 (509) 625-7898
	Valley Transfer Station 3941 N Sullivan Rd Spokane WA 99216 (509) 625-6885
	Northside Transfer Station 22123 N Elk-Chattaroy Rd Elk, WA 99009 (509) 625-6880

Thurston County	Thurston County HazoHouse 2418 Hogum Bay Rd Lacey, WA (360) 786-5457
Whatcom County	Disposal of Toxic Materials Facility 3505 Airport Drive (360) 380-4640
Yakima County	Moderate Risk Waste Facility Terrace Heights Land Fill 7151 Rosa Hill Drive Yakima, WA 98081

RESOURCES:

Washington State Department of Ecology’s web site for details on waste identification, management, helpful articles and fact sheets:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/reg_comp_guide/index.html.

Washington State Dangerous Waste Regulations, 173-303 WAC

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/wac/>

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/wac/index.cfm?fuseaction=chapterdigest&chapter=173-303>

Snohomish County

<http://www.snohd.org/envhealth/swt/Navagating/navindex.html>

Thurston County

<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehrp/pdf/Does%20Your%20Business.pdf>