

Very Small Quantity Generator Program Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

What is a VSQG Program?

Businesses that generate no more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste or 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste per month are "Very Small Quantity Generators" or VSQGs. These guidelines are set out in the Code of Federal Regulations 40 CFR 265.201.

The VSQG program in the TDEC supported Household Hazardous Waste Program allows qualifying generators to transport their hazardous wastes to any one of the mobile collection events scheduled throughout the State. Individual VSQGs choose the event in which they participate. [The event schedule is found here.](#)

If your business generates more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste or 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste per month, you are not eligible to utilize the VSQG program. These generators can work directly with a hazardous waste disposal company for the proper management options. Contact Clean Harbors Environmental Services at 615-643-3170 or by email at TNVSQG@cleanharbors.com

Typical hazardous wastes include

Aerosols	Mercury	Pesticides
Batteries	Gasoline / fuels	Photo chemicals
Cleaners	Motor oil / auto fluids	Propane cylinders
Electronics	Oil Filters	Solvents
	Paint related material	Thinners / varnish

Acutely hazardous wastes include

Arsenic compounds
Cyanide compounds

[A complete list can be found here.](#)

Unacceptable Wastes

This program will not accept radioactive, biological, medical, ammunition or explosive wastes.

Typical VSQG business include:

Automotive repair / painting	Dentists	Print shops
Beauty Salon	Dry cleaners	Property managers
Construction	Painters	Public Storage

To participate in the VSQG Program:

Businesses must have an appointment to participate. To schedule an appointment, please call Clean Harbors at 615-643-3170 or e-mail them at TNVSQG@cleanharbors.com.

What documentation is required?

Businesses will be required to provide the following information prior to scheduling an appointment.

Name, address contact person and phone number of your company

Estimate of volume and type of waste generated per month

Complete waste inventory being transported to the event

How much will it cost?

Disposal pricing is based on the type of material and is generally charged on a per pound basis. A trained chemist will review your waste inventory and provide an estimated cost for disposal when your appointment is scheduled. All waste will be weighed upon delivery. Payment by check or credit card is due upon delivery.

Packaging & Transportation Instructions

Leave waste in original container if possible

Never commingle or consolidate waste items

Keep label intact when possible

Provide MSDS or laboratory analysis, when available, with your waste inventory

Never transport damaged or leaking containers

For safety, place all wastes in a trunk, pickup bed or other ventilated area that is separate from passengers