

Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator Program Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

What is a CESQG Program?

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

The CESQG 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 CESQGs choose the event in which they participate. The event schedule is found here, www.tn.gov/environment/swm/pdf/hazcoll.pdf

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 CESQG 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 e-mail at TNCESQG@cleanharbors.com.

Typical hazardous wastes include

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

Acutely hazardous wastes include

- Arsenic compounds
- Cyanide compounds

A complete list can be found at http://web.princeton.edu/sites/ehs/chemwaste/spec_list.htm

Unacceptable Wastes

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

Typical CESQG businesses include:

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

To participate in the CESQG 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 TNCESQG@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