EL PASO COUNTY
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Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program Information

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division Guidelines authorize Household Hazardous Waste Facilities to accept Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) hazardous waste for commingling and consolidation. The guidelines are intended to encourage qualified generators to dispose of their waste in a safe, timely, and cost-effective manner at the El Paso County Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 3255 Akers Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80922.

Qualifications:

The El Paso County VSQG Program is open to all El Paso and Teller County generators that meet the following criteria:

"Very small quantity generators (VSQG) of hazardous waste generate no more than 100 kilograms (about 220 pounds or 25 gallons) of hazardous waste, and no more than 1 kilogram (about 2.2 pounds or <1 quart) of acutely hazardous waste in any calendar month AND never accumulate more than 1000 kilograms of hazardous waste or 1 kilogram of acutely hazardous waste on site at one time." [40 Code of Federal Regulations 262.14] El Paso County reserves the right to refuse any waste including, but not limited to: unlabeled containers, substances, or chemicals; containers larger than five-gallon capacity; acutely hazardous materials; lab-grade chemicals; or waste amounts exceeding VSQG regulations.

Registration:

Pre-registration in the Program is required; the registration form is enclosed. Return via email to evs-epc@elpasoco.com or postal mail or hand-deliver to:

El Paso County Environmental Division
3255 Akers Drive
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80922-1503
For informatio, call 520-7878 or email evs-epc@elpasoco.com

Drop off for VSQG is by appointment ONLY, Wednesday afternoons only. All participants must schedule an appointment online at https://communityservices.elpasoco.com/vsqg or call 719-520-7878. The registration form must be completed and the participant must be accepted into the program prior to making an appointment. Additionally, the waste acceptance form MUST be received at evs-epc@elpasoco.com no later than 4PM the Friday prior to drop off.

Drop-Off Procedures:

VSQG waste will be accepted at the El Paso County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 3255 Akers Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80922 ONLY on Wednesdays between 1pm-4pm by appointment.

All participants must have an appointment prior to coming to the facility. The waste acceptance form must be received the Friday prior to the Wednesday appointment.

The registered VSQG representative will enter the garage, turn off the vehicle, and provide the waste acceptance form to staff.

Staff will visually inventory and verbally approve the waste, which must be in original, labeled, non-leaking containers and must match exactly what is approved on the previously submitted waste acceptance form. El Paso County reserves the right to require analytical analysis of any waste prior to acceptance. The VSQG representative will remove waste from the vehicle and place it on a cart. Staff will weigh incoming waste by listed category and document on the waste acceptance form. *Weight includes container that must be left onsite.*

Staff and the VSQG representative will both sign the waste acceptance form, verifying that all waste categories and quantities are correct.

Rejected waste, along with the reason for rejection, will be noted in the VSQG program rejection log and an explanation will be provided to the VSQG representative. Alternative disposal options will be offered, if available.

The VSQG representative will be asked to exit the garage, park their vehicle, and proceed to the administration office for payment. Staff will provide the completed waste acceptance form to administration staff.

All waste material will be commingled, consolidated, manifested, and shipped per the United States Department of Transportation shipping requirements, the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division Guidelines and the Household Hazardous Waste Facility Operations Manual.

Payment:

Administration staff will generate an invoice based on the waste acceptance form Payment will be by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover) or check at the time of service; no deferred payment option is offered. Cash is not accepted. A paid invoice will be provided to the VSQG representative.

Records:

The program registration form, waste acceptance forms, invoices, manifests, and any other applicable material will be kept via electronic file in the administration office and is available upon request. El Paso County reserves the right to audit any VSQG registrant with 48-hour advance notice.