

# Hazardous Waste Collection Events in 2004

## For Conditionally Exempt Hazardous Waste Generators and Generators of Waste Pesticides

<i>Baker City</i>	<i>April 30</i>	<i>Pendleton</i>	<i>June 4</i>
<i>Astoria</i>	<i>May 7</i>	<i>Lincoln City</i>	<i>September 17</i>
<i>John Day</i>	<i>May 21</i>		

Dates of events may change slightly depending on participation.

### What's Happening?

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, in cooperation with local governments, is sponsoring waste collection events at the above locations for conditionally exempt hazardous waste and waste pesticides managed according to the universal waste rule. These collection events will allow people an opportunity to drop off their waste at a collection point for proper disposal.

Environmental regulations require **all** Oregon businesses, agencies and organizations that generate hazardous wastes to dispose of them properly. These collection events are a convenient way to dispose of conditionally exempt hazardous waste and waste pesticides safely, legally and at a reasonable cost.

### What is the Cost to Participate?

Event participants will be charged the cost for disposal of their waste, usually between \$0.85 and \$3.10 per pound, depending on the type of waste. **Mercury-containing waste will be collected at events at no charge this year.**

### Who Can Participate?

#### Conditionally Exempt Generators (CEGs)

Conditionally Exempt Generators are businesses, agencies and organizations producing 220 pounds or less of hazardous waste per month and 2.2 pounds or less of acutely hazardous waste per month. CEGs must also not accumulate more than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste (2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste). Typical CEGs include auto repair shops, medical clinics, printing shops, commercial painters and local governments. Hazardous wastes commonly produced by CEGs include cleaning solvents, waste paint, mercury, laboratory chemicals, fluorescent lamps and waste inks.

### Generators of Waste Pesticides

Pesticide wastes managed according to the Universal Waste Rule can be conveniently collected at DEQ registered pesticide collection events for disposal. Waste pesticides eligible for collection at these events include unused pesticide, spray mixtures and unrinsed pesticide containers. Participants bringing their waste pesticides to these collection events must manage them according to the universal waste rules, which include container, tank and labeling requirements. Participants in the collection of waste pesticides do not have to be CEGs and are not limited by monthly generation rates or accumulated amounts of hazardous waste as CEGs are. Costs for disposal of most pesticides will be \$1.45 per pound.

### What Wastes Will Not Be Accepted?

Hazardous wastes generated by businesses, institutions and governments producing more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month (2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste per month) **are not eligible for collection at these events.** Also, businesses, institutions and governments that have accumulated more than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste (2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste) **are not eligible to participate in these events. Remember that universal waste (waste pesticides, batteries, mercury thermostats and mercury-containing lamps) are not included in this calculation.**

### The following wastes will not be accepted:

- Non-hazardous solid waste
- Explosives
- Radioactive wastes
- Infectious medical wastes
- Certain poisons and very reactive wastes
- Compressed gas cylinders



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## Collection of Mercury-Containing Waste

As part of a pilot project, mercury-containing waste will be collected at no charge this year.

### How Do I Register for the Event?

Contact MSE Environmental at **1-800-952-5566** for an **application**. Applications are also available from the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/hw/documents/CEGapp.pdf>. For scheduling purposes, completed applications must be faxed or mailed to MSE Environmental **two weeks before the event**. MSE Environmental will also provide information on event location and scheduling of appointments to drop off the waste. Charges for disposal of the waste are due prior to collection of the waste and may be in the form of cash, check, money order or credit card.

### Need More Information on Hazardous Waste Management?

DEQ has Technical Assistance staff located throughout the state. They can help you determine the hazardous waste regulations that apply to you, including how to identify and manage hazardous waste on-site and to identify potential waste reduction and recycling opportunities.

Assistance is provided through telephone contacts, on-site visits, presentations and workshops. If you have ever wondered whether you are in compliance with the hazardous waste regulations or had questions about the hazardous waste you generate, the DEQ Technical Assistance program is a free, voluntary way to receive helpful information.

**For more information about the DEQ Technical Assistance program**, or if you would like to arrange an on-site visit, please contact the regional office nearest you:

#### **Northwest Region**

- 2020 SW 4th, Suite 400  
Portland, OR 97201  
(503) 229-5263

#### **Eastern Region**

- 2146 NE 4th, Suite 104  
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(541) 388-6146

#### **Western Region**

- 750 Front St. NE, Suite 120  
Salem, OR 97310  
(503) 378-8240, ext. 253 or 258

For additional information on the management of hazardous waste, check DEQ's web page at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/hw/hw.htm>.

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