



# VSQG Collection Program Requirements for Generators

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**T**his fact sheet is intended for Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs) of hazardous waste that are interested in using a VSQG collection program for waste disposal.

## Environmental concerns

Minnesota hazardous waste rules allow VSQGs to deliver their own waste in their own vehicles to a licensed VSQG collection program. Collection programs consolidate waste from many businesses and then ship it to a permitted treatment, recycling, or disposal facility.

Although program participants may still have to pay disposal charges, the programs are intended to provide a convenient and cost-effective disposal option. This allows VSQGs to regularly dispose of small quantities of waste, rather than accumulate and store over a long time period.

## Collection programs

Each program determines the waste(s) it will accept, the area it serves, its hours of operation, and associated charges.

See page two for a list of collection programs licensed by the state to accept certain wastes from VSQGs.

## VSQG requirements

To deliver waste to a VSQG Collection Program you must:

- be a Very Small Quantity Generator—generate less than 100 kilograms (220 pounds or about 22 gallons liquid) or less of hazardous waste per month.

- apply to and get approval from the collection program you intend to use.
- have or apply for a hazardous waste generator identification number. This is your site-specific hazardous waste identification number that appears on your license application.
- only transport waste from your own business and in your business vehicle.
- follow the Department of Transportation requirements for transporting hazardous materials.

You do not need to use a hazardous waste manifest or registered transporter to take your waste to a licensed consolidation site. The program operator will give you a receipt for the waste delivered. Keep this receipt for at least three years to document proper disposal of the waste.

## Related programs

**The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) Pesticide Collection Program** sponsors collection sites in the state for pesticide disposal from farmers, applicators, and households. Contact MDA at 651-297-1062.

**The University of Minnesota Chemical Safety Day Program** picks up chemicals from schools statewide. Contact the Chemical Safety Day Program Coordinator at 612-626-1553.

## VSQG collection programs licensed to operate in Minnesota

With prior approval, eligible generators may transport their own waste in their own vehicle to these programs. Pre-appointment and application is required. During transport, you must follow the Department of Transportation's hazardous materials transportation requirements (proper containers, marking, etc.). Not all programs accept all wastes. Programs accepting one-time cleanouts allow up to 2,200 pounds per generator per year and **do not accept explosive, infectious, or radioactive wastes.**

Program and location	Contact	Service area	Comments
<b>Blue Earth County</b> Mankato	Ken Frederick 507-304-4381	Blue Earth, LeSueur, Nicollet, Sibley, Watonwan, and Brown counties	Does not accept asbestos. Accepts one-time cleanouts.
<b>Carver County</b> Chaska	Kathy Dyess 952-361-1809	Statewide	Does not accept gas cylinders or asbestos. Accepts electronic and universal* wastes.
<b>Dakota County</b> Eagan	Laura Villa 952-891-7548	Statewide	Accepts electronics and universal* wastes.
<b>Faribault and Martin Counties</b> Fairmont	Billeye Rabbe 507-238-3115	Faribault and Martin counties	Accepts universal* wastes and one-time cleanouts.
<b>Kandiyohi County</b> Willmar	Carol Schmiesing 320-231-3587	Big Stone, Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Meeker, Renville, and Swift counties	Does not accept unknowns. Accepts one-time cleanouts.
<b>Lyon County</b> Marshall	Darron Grahn 507-532-8210	Pipestone, Rock, Cottonwood, Lyon, Jackson, Lincoln, Murray, Nobles, Redwood, and Yellow Medicine counties	Does not accept friable asbestos. Accepts one-time cleanouts.
<b>Northwest MN HHW Management</b> Bagley	Steve Dittman 218-694-2090	Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau counties	Does not accept unknowns. Accepts one-time cleanouts.
<b>Olmsted County</b> Rochester	Scott Martin 507-328-7070	Southeast Minnesota	Accepts universal* wastes, oil filters, PCB ballasts and capacitors and one-time cleanouts.
<b>Rice County</b> Dundas	Paul Pieper 507-332-6833	Rice, Steele, and Waseca counties	Electronics accepted only from Rice County participants. Accepts universal* wastes and one-time cleanouts.
<b>Scott County</b> Jordan	Greg Boe 952-496-8652 Joan Anderson 952-496-8477	Statewide	Accepts electronics, universal waste*, waste oil and filters
<b>Stearns County</b> St. Cloud	Ross Detert or Troy Freihammer 320-656-3613	Stearns County	Open Apr thru Sept; Does not accept unknowns, waste oil, gas cylinders or electronics.
<b>Washington County</b> Oakdale	Adam Frederick 651-430-6702	Washington County	Accepts up to 660 pounds per year per generator.
<b>Western Lake Superior Sanitary District</b> Duluth	Ryan Cunningham 218-726-1602 or 218-740-4830	St. Louis, Aitkin, Cook, Itasca, Lake, Carlton, and Koochiching counties	Accepts universal* wastes, sharps and one-time cleanouts.
<b>Winona County</b> Winona	Kim Nelson 507-457-6462	Winona, Houston, and Fillmore counties	Accepts universal* wastes and one-time cleanouts.
<b>Xcel Energy Disposal Services</b> Minneapolis	Mark Anderson 612-630-4516	Statewide	Does not accept biohazards or unknowns. Accepts universal* and electronic wastes.

\* Universal wastes include fluorescent lamps, pesticides, batteries, and mercury-containing equipment.