

Hazardous waste ten-day transfer facilities

Any site in Minnesota storing hazardous waste that was not generated at that site ordinarily requires a Treatment, Storage, or Disposal Facility (TSDF) Permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). One exception to a TSDF Permit is a *transfer facility*, often referred to as a *Ten-Day Transfer Facility* (TDTF).

At a transfer facility, hazardous waste transporters may temporarily store manifested shipments of hazardous waste for up to ten calendar days. A transfer facility may be any transportation-related facility, including parking lots, loading docks, outdoor storage yards, or warehouses where hazardous waste is stored in the containers used for shipment in vehicles, on the ground, or in buildings, or where hazardous waste is transferred between vehicles. Transfer facilities do not include locations of necessary temporary stops in the normal course of transportation where the hazardous waste remains in the immediate custody of a vehicle operator, such as fueling stops or operator rest breaks.

This fact sheet provides guidance from the MPCA regarding Minnesota state requirements for transfer facilities. Transfer facilities located in one of the metropolitan counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington (Metro Counties) may be subject to additional county-specific ordinances, such as conditional use permits or facility licensing. Contact your Metro County regulator for questions on local requirements; see [More information](#) on page 2.

What activities can be performed at a transfer facility?

Shipments of hazardous waste documented by a *Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest* may be stored at a transfer facility for up to ten calendar days. For more information on Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifests, see MPCA fact sheet #w-hw1-07, Manifest shipments of hazardous waste, at: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-hw1-07.pdf>

Compatible hazardous wastes documented on a Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest may also be consolidated into different or common containers at a transfer facility, as long as the new containers are marked for transportation and all involved manifests are amended to reflect the final container counts and types. Similarly, hazardous waste may be divided among new containers at a transfer facility. However, if the new containers will be split between multiple outbound vehicles, or redirected to different destination facilities, the transporter must obtain consent from the waste generator to complete one or more new manifests to correctly reflect the divided shipment.

Shipments of hazardous waste eligible for management as *universal wastes* in Minnesota may also be stored at a transfer facility without a Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest, as long as the transporter meets the applicable universal waste handler requirements and limits. See MPCA fact sheet #w-hw4-62, Universal wastes, at: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-hw4-62.pdf>

Shipments of waste that would be hazardous waste in Minnesota that are undocumented or documented by other hazardous materials shipping papers that are not a Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest, may not be transported to or stored at a transfer facility in Minnesota, regardless of their regulatory status at their origin or destination if in another state. For assistance determining what wastes would be hazardous waste in Minnesota, see MPCA fact sheet #w-hw1-01, Evaluate waste, at: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-hw1-01.pdf>

Shipments of infectious waste must be transported or stored in compliance with Minnesota infectious waste requirements. See MPCA fact sheet #w-sw4-31, Infectious waste for transporters, at: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-sw4-31.pdf>

What operational requirements must transfer facilities meet?

If your transfer facility never stores more than 1,000 kilograms (kg) of hazardous waste at one time, you do not need to meet any additional requirements except to immediately report all hazardous waste spills to the Minnesota Duty Officer; see [More information](#) below.

If your transfer facility ever stores more than 1,000 kg of hazardous waste at one time, you must also:

- Protect containers from unauthorized access and inadvertent damage from vehicles or equipment.
- Store any containers holding free liquid on an impermeable containment surface.
- Provide continuous curbing for containers of free liquids stored on the ground or in vehicles outside.
- Ensure all containers are stored closed.
- Conduct daily inspections of loading areas and periodic inspections of the entire transfer facility.
- Protect ignitable and reactive wastes from sources of ignition or reaction.
- Provide, test, and maintain appropriate spill control equipment and portable fire control equipment.
- Document that all employees handling hazardous waste at the transfer facility are thoroughly familiar with proper hazardous waste handling within six months after they begin their hazardous waste duties.
- Maintain a log of the dates of all incoming and outgoing hazardous waste shipments.
- Immediately report all hazardous waste spills to the Minnesota Duty Officer; see [More information](#).

More information

Guidance and requirements in this fact sheet were compiled from Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7045. Visit the Office of the Revisor of Statutes at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/> to review Minnesota Rules.

Contact your Metro County or the MPCA with your questions. The MPCA's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) can also provide free, confidential regulatory compliance assistance. The Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) can help you reduce your waste handling risks. Immediately report all hazardous waste incidents to the Minnesota Duty Officer.

Metro County Hazardous Waste Offices

Anoka	763-324-4260
.....	https://www.anokacountymn.gov/
Carver	952-361-1800
.....	https://www.carvercountymn.gov/
Dakota	952-891-7557
.....	https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/
Hennepin	612-348-3777
.....	https://www.hennepin.us/
Ramsey	651-266-1199
.....	https://www.ramseycounty.us/
Scott	952-496-8177
.....	http://www.scottcountymn.gov/
Washington	651-430-6655
.....	https://www.washingtoncountymn.gov/

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Toll free (all offices)	1-800-657-3864
All offices	651-296-6300
.....	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/

Small Business Environmental Assistance

Toll free	1-800-657-3938
Metro	651-282-6143
.....	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/

Minnesota Technical Assistance Program

Toll free	1-800-247-0015
Metro	612-624-1300
.....	http://www.mntap.umn.edu

Minnesota Duty Officer

Toll free	1-800-422-0798
Metro	651-649-5451