
Subject: Special/Non-Typical Waste Disposal with Pharmaceutical Waste

Attachments: Special Handling Waste Rules
Unacceptable Wastes
Special Waste Acceptance Form
WA Department of Ecology Police Evidence Guidance *hyperlink*

Thank you for considering the City of Spokane Waste to Energy Facility for your waste disposal needs.

Please review the attached documents, and then email the completed and signed Waste Acceptance Form to solidwaste@spokanecity.org for review. A response is required for each field on the form.

If approved, the Waste Acceptance Form will stay on file for two years, or until a new material type needs disposal, whichever comes first. Please include a complete listing of all of the waste types being proposed for disposal during that time. An Acceptance Letter will be emailed upon approval, and you may then call to schedule an appointment by phone.

In addition to the Waste Acceptance Form, a listing of the specific drugs in each load must be sent to Facility Environmental Manager, Kelle Vigeland, prior to each appointment.

Please note that pharmaceutical drugs seized as evidence are subject to different rules than Take Back pharmaceutical drugs. This facility cannot accept prescription drugs that were part of evidence if they designate as a federal, state or local hazardous waste. (Visit the link for Police Evidence Guidance for more information.)

The attached list of common medicines that designate as hazardous waste is just a partial list. It is up to each agency to properly designate their waste materials. If you would like additional information, please contact our Environmental Manager at (509) 625-6541.

All items, including any marijuana plants, must be packaged in combustible containers such as bags or boxes. Loose plants or other material may not be accepted.

For questions, contact the Solid Waste Disposal Department at (509) 625-6580.

SPECIAL HANDLING WASTE RULES

1. By signing the attached SPECIAL HANDLING/ NON-TYPICAL WASTE ACCEPTANCE form you acknowledge that you have read the following information and agree to abide by the rules of disposal of Special Waste.
2. The charge for Special Handling Waste is \$193.28¹ per ton, with a minimum charge of \$96.64¹ for 1,000 lbs. or less. If a forklift and operator are required there is an additional charge of \$75¹ per hour with a minimum charge of \$37.50¹. A forklift is available during limited hours and by appointment only.
3. The City does not provide labor for unloading. It is the responsibility of the driver to unload the material and, if necessary, to bring additional labor. For loads that require forklift assistance it is the responsibility of the driver to move pallets to the end of the truck so the forklift can access the material.
4. This is a refuse disposal facility. The site does not have a loading dock. Unless directed otherwise, materials contained in the vehicles will be unloaded onto the floor or into the pit by the truck driver. City staff will not sweep out or clean up transport vehicles.
5. If the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is requiring the destruction of the materials, the shipper must set up an appointment with the USDA. The USDA phone number is (509) 353-2950².
6. Exact payment is required at time of service, unless a billing account has been set up in advance (call City of Spokane Utility Billing at 509-755-2489² to set up an account). Payment may be made by cash, check, MasterCard or Visa.
7. At least 24 hours' notice is required to set up an appointment for delivery. An appointment may be scheduled by calling (509) 625-6580². Leaving a message on voice mail does not constitute an appointment. We are open for appointments and scheduling Monday – Friday only. Trucks that arrive without an appointment, or outside of a scheduled appointment, may be denied service.
8. Waste material delivered to the facility for disposal must be representative of the waste authorized for acceptance. The waste materials must not contain asbestos and must not be a federal, state, or local regulated hazardous waste per WAC 173-303 unless otherwise exempted or allowed under this rule and approved in advance of scheduling. The City of Spokane reserves the right to refuse any loads, at any time, for any reason. The City is not responsible for any costs incurred by the generator or their agents.
9. If the load contains petroleum-contaminated materials, the waste must have been derived from incident spills of less than 1,000 gallons. The load must not cause the City to exceed its monthly permitted limit of 150 tons of petroleum-contaminated material.

Please sign the attached form indicating that these rules have been read and the undersigned agrees to follow them. A signed copy may be emailed, mailed, or faxed to our office at 509-625-6537². A signed copy must be received before an appointment can be scheduled.

¹ Pricing typically changes from year to year and is established in City Municipal Code.

² Phone number is current as of April 4, 2019. May be up-dated without up-dating this procedure as needed.

Appendix “D”

LIST OF UNACCEPTABLE WASTES [March 23, 2019]

Following are wastes that are deemed unacceptable:

- a. Asbestos-containing materials (ACM) per Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency regulations
- b. Radioactive materials
- c. Excessive liquids (liquids that breach containers or are free-flowing)
- d. Wastes containing higher sulfur content than normal municipal solid wastes
- e. Wastes that produce toxic residues that can survive the normal combustion and treatment process and/or add pollutants to the Waste to Energy plant's emissions
- f. Wastes containing metals/metalloids (e.g. cadmium, mercury, lead, nickel, arsenic) or halogenated compounds (e.g. chlorine, fluorine, iodine, bromine) in sufficient quantities that may cause emission concerns
- g. Wastes containing refrigerants
- h. Non-combustible construction and demolition debris, including gypsum related materials
- i. Waste that emits foul and/or obnoxious odors that would offend a reasonable person
- j. Out of County generated containers requiring triple rinsing for disposal, unless it can be adequately demonstrated that the rinsing was completed.
- k. Human remains or recognizable body parts
- l. Materials designated as hazardous wastes per Chapter 173-303 unless otherwise exempted or allowed under this rule and approved in advance of scheduling.

Examples of waste that are NOT accepted based on the above, can include, but are not limited to:

- Ammunition containing lead
- Light bulbs/lamps that contain mercury (fluorescent, high intensity discharge (HID), metal halide, high pressure sodium, etc....)
- Halogenated materials (e.g., chlorinated plastics such as PVC, chlorine, fluorine, iodine, and bromine containing materials, etc....)
- Electronics (unless tested to verify not hazardous waste)
- Prescription drugs that designate as hazardous waste unless otherwise exempted or allowed under Chapter 173-303 WAC and approved in advance of scheduling.

Solid Waste Disposal Department staff may be able to provide information on possible disposal options for unacceptable wastes. Call 509-625-6580 for further information.



**CITY OF SPOKANE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL
SPECIAL HANDLING/NON-TYPICAL WASTE ACCEPTANCE FORM**

Date:	Waste Generator Business Name, Contact Name, Phone, Email & Address:	Other Contact Information if Applicable (include relationship to Generator):
Detailed Waste Description: (Continue on page 2 if needed)		Quantity per <input type="checkbox"/> lbs <input type="checkbox"/> tons Estimated Frequency: Delivery (lbs <input type="checkbox"/> One Time or tons): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Times/Yr
Packaging Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Loose <input type="checkbox"/> Pallets <input type="checkbox"/> Bales <input type="checkbox"/> Metal Drums <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Drums <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Regulatory Status of Waste per Chapter 173-303 WAC (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Hazardous Waste <input type="checkbox"/> WA State Dangerous Waste		
Applicable WAC 173-303-071(3) Exclusions - <u>MUST</u> complete Page 2, Supplement 1: <input type="checkbox"/> (c) Household Hazardous Waste Exemption (Take Back Program Drugs for Households/Residences ONLY) <input type="checkbox"/> (nn) Controlled Substances, Drugs that are state-only dangerous wastes		
Has the waste been designated non-hazardous by the generator? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA (explain) _____		
Have you provided an SDS, test results, or other data supporting non-hazardous designation? If an SDS and/or testing is available for the material, it must be submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA (explain) _____		
Is the waste generated in Spokane County? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, enter where waste is generated: _____		
Has this waste been previously accepted at this facility? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, has it changed in any way? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA		
If required, have the containers been triple rinsed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA		
Is the waste: <input type="checkbox"/> Oil or petroleum contaminated rags (no free flowing liquids/oil) <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbent containing oil or petroleum (no free flowing liquids/oil) <input type="checkbox"/> Oil filters (must be drained of free liquids) Is any of the oily waste from clean-up of a spill that was over 1,000 gallons? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Other pertinent information (include any information on hazards associated with the waste, odors, handling issues, etc....)		
Generator Signature (Required): _____ By signing this SPECIAL HANDLING/NON-TYPICAL WASTE ACCEPTANCE FORM you acknowledge that the information on this form is true and accurate and you have read and agree to abide by the Special Handling/Non-Typical Waste Rules.		

For City of Spokane Staff Use Only (Approval may also be done electronically via email)

☐ Material reviewed and approved by Solid Waste Disposal Operations and Environmental personnel

☐ Material is not acceptable because _____

Signature (Required): _____ Date: _____

☐ Material reviewed and approved by Solid Waste Disposal Director or Designee

☐ Material is not acceptable because _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Detailed Waste Description: (Continued from page 1 if needed)

Supplement 1 - Additional Controlled Substances, Legend Drugs, &/or Over the Counter Drugs Information.

If the waste includes Controlled Substances, Legend Drugs, &/or Over the Counter Drugs, complete the following.

- Do the Controlled Substances &/or Drugs include:**
- ☐ Controlled Substances &/or Drugs confiscated as evidence as part of law enforcement
 - ☐ Drugs collected by a household/residential takeback program
 - ☐ Controlled Substances &/or Drugs generated by a pharmacy/dispenser licensed (chapter 69.50 RCW or Title 18 RCW) and authorized to possess drugs within the state of Washington
 - ☐ Controlled Substances &/or Drugs from a reverse distributor licensed (chapter 69.50 RCW or Title 18 RCW) and authorized to possess drugs within the state of Washington

For Controlled Substances &/or Drugs, except those collected under a household/residential take back program, have all, and will all future delivered, Controlled Substances &/or Drugs be designated and only those that are not federal hazardous waste will be included in loads.

Yes No No - Law Enforcement Conditionally Exempt/Very Small Quantity Generator

For waste deliveries that contain Controlled Substances &/or Drugs, you will be required to provide a list of those that will be included in the delivery at the time of scheduling.

Source of Loads	Controlled Substance, Legend Drug, & Over the Counter Drug Waste Types		
	RCRA HW	State-Only DW (2)	Non-HW/Non-DW (2)
Pharmacy-Licensed Dispenser	Not Accepted	Accepted under WAC 173-303-071(3)(nn) if generator is licensed in WA under Chapter 69.50 RCW or Title 18 RCW	Accepted
Reverse Distributors	Not Accepted	Accepted under WAC 173-303-071(3)(nn) if generator is licensed in WA under Chapter 69.50 RCW or Title 18 RCW	Accepted
Waste Brokers	Not Accepted	Accepted under WAC 173-303-071(3)(nn) if generator is licensed in WA under Chapter 69.50 RCW or Title 18 RCW	Accepted
Law Enforcement	Not Accepted (1)	Accepted under WAC 173-303-071(3)(nn) (can be in state or out of state law enforcement)	Accepted
Residential Take-Back Program (includes those collected from deceased persons homes by law enforcement or coroner offices)	Accepted under household hazardous waste exclusion (WAC 173-303-071(3)(c))		

(1) If the law enforcement agency is a conditionally exempt small quantity generator of RCRA HW and tracks RCRA HW generation to verify status, RCRA HW controlled substances, pharmaceuticals, or drugs may be accepted provided that approval is received in advance of scheduling. The City will only approve if various agencies agree that the waste is acceptable. Delivered RCRA HW cannot contain mercury, large quantities of halogenated materials or other substances that might impact environmental compliance.

(2) No mercury or iodine containing materials.

Click Here for Link to Department of Ecology Guidance on:

How to Designate, Manage, and Dispose of Dangerous Waste in Police Evidence Rooms

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