



Los Angeles County Fire Department



HEALTH HAZ MAT DIVISION

Notice to Businesses Handling Hazardous Materials and Generating Hazardous Waste

What is my responsibility as a business owner?

It is unlawful to operate a business that handles hazardous materials in quantities at or above 55 gallons, 500 pounds, 200 cubic feet and/or routinely generates any amount of hazardous waste without a valid permit issued by the Los Angeles County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division. (A business operating without a permit may be subject to fines and/or penalties).

What are hazardous materials and hazardous waste?

A material or waste is considered hazardous if it can potentially threaten human health or the environment and contains one or more of the following properties: flammability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity. It may contaminate the soil, surface water, and groundwater if released into the environment. Exposure to some wastes may increase the risk of cancer, neurological problems and/or birth defects.

What are some common hazardous materials/wastes?

Petroleum and lubricating oil, hydraulic oil, cutting oil, used oil, gasoline, diesel fuel, propane, paint, antifreeze (ethylene glycol), acetylene, compressed oxygen.

What is the mission of the Division?

To protect public health and the environment from accidental releases and improper handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes through coordinated efforts of inspections, emergency response, enforcement, and site mitigation oversight.

How can I comply?

For more information, contact our district office at:

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