What about HHW from businesses or CESQGs?

Small businesses, schools and non-profit organizations located within the MRWMD Service Area* and generating less than 27 gallons or 220 lbs. of hazardous waste per month, are classified as Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG).

CESQGs are eligible to utilize the MRWMD hazardous waste collection program with the following conditions:

Businesses must call in advance (831) 264-6386 to receive approval for participation in the program, and to make appointments for drop offs once approved.

Businesses must be located within the MRWMD service area and have proper I.D.**

Businesses will be charged a $25 administrative fee to help offset the cost of processing materials.

For registration and specific materials fees information, see CESQG page at www.mrwmd.org

**Proof of residence or business address is necessary, and EPA I.D. #, Haz. Mat. # if required.

For more information about CESQG and/or the laws which regulate HHW contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

*Serving residents and small businesses in the MRWMD service area only, including:
- Big Sur
- Carmel
- Carmel Highlands
- Carmel Valley
- Castroville
- Del Rey Oaks
- Marina
- Monterey
- Monterey-Salinas Highway area
- Moss Landing
- Pacific Grove
- Pebble Beach
- Sand City
- Seaside

What makes the MRWMD Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program different?

The program began in 1987 and was one of the first household hazardous waste collection facilities in the State. On an annual basis over 8,000 residents and businesses drop off more than 1 million lbs. of HHW for processing, safe disposal or reuse and recycling.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Today, our innovative program reuses or recycles nearly 60% of the incoming hazardous products collected from District residents.

Since the majority of the household hazardous waste brought to the facility is still in its original container, and in reusable condition, the District makes these products available to the community at the Last Chance Mercantile.

Products usually available include latex and oil-based paint products, cleaners and garden products. Most products are available FREE of charge.
Proper Disposal is the Law!

It is illegal to dispose of hazardous waste in the trash, storm drains, or sewer. Hazardous and other prohibited materials as defined under California law and regulations, may not be disposed at the Monterey Peninsula Landfill or the Materials Recovery Facility.

HHW Collection Program

Monterey Regional Waste Management District operates a permitted Household Hazardous Waste Facility, providing residents and small businesses (CESQGs) of western Monterey County with a convenient collection program for household hazardous waste (HHW).

What is Considered HHW?

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes chemical and solid waste generated incidental to maintaining a residence, business, vehicle and yard. Products considered HHW contain hazardous ingredients and are labeled with words such as danger, poison, flammable, corrosive and toxic.

HHW also includes Universal Waste, a regulated waste including: electronic devices, CRTs, batteries, and items containing mercury (e.g. fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and thermometers).

Safe Transport of HHW

- Products must be packaged in sturdy, non-leaking, tightly closed containers, no larger than 5 gallons. If a container leaks, secure it in a secondary leak-proof container.
- Keep products in original containers with label intact when possible. If a product is missing original label, label it yourself if you are sure of contents.
- Don’t mix products together. Keep reactive chemicals separate.
- Pack medical sharps and needles in sealed, labeled, rigid plastic container.
- For transport, place items securely in a box, in a well ventilated space away from driver and passengers such as trunk or bed of vehicle.

Drop-Off and Transport Limits

- Residents: 15 gallons or 125 lbs. per turn-in.
- Small Businesses (CESQGs): 27 gallons or 220 lbs. per month. (Businesses pay applicable fees.)

Not Accepted

- Asbestos (friable) containing material
- Explosives (including ammunition, fireworks & flares)
- Radioactive material, medical & laboratory waste
- Compressed gas (propane tanks 5 gallons and less are accepted)

For more information visit www.mrwmd.org or call (831) 264-6386.