



Selecting a Waste Vendor/TSDF

If your facility generates hazardous waste like paints, batteries, lamps, solvents, cleaning chemicals or other items that pose a hazard to human health or the environment, you'll have to select a qualified waste vendor and treatment, storage and disposal facility (TSDF) to handle that waste rather than putting it into a normal trashcan. Your company is known as the generator of the waste and is responsible for the waste until it's no longer hazardous (a concept known as cradle-to-grave liability). If your waste is not properly disposed of, your company could be held responsible.

Where Can I Find a List of TSDFs?

Your state environmental regulatory agency's website probably has a list specific to your state. All these vendors listed should have appropriate permits and EPA identification numbers.

If your facility is located in Ohio, see Ohio EPA's list at this link:
<https://epa.ohio.gov/derr/hazwaste/tsd>



The Selection Process

When choosing a treatment, storage and disposal facility (TSDF) for your hazardous waste:

- Check vendor's compliance status on EPA's ECHO database at <https://echo.epa.gov/>
- Contact a few vendors. Ask them:
 - For a price quote on your most common waste streams. Be sure you compare like units between vendors (\$ per gallon vs. \$ per pound) and account for added charges like fuel surcharges.
 - To verify they are allowed to accept all the types of waste you generate
 - How much insurance they have? Compare to your company's minimum requirement
 - What services will they provide for you? Examples may include preparing manifests, analysis of new waste streams, labeling, transportation, etc.
 - How often are they in your area for a pick-up? If you have to ship your waste every 90-days, this matters greatly.
- Visit the facility and ask for references. While this step is certainly not required, you can tell a lot about a facility's operations from a first impression. For example:
 - Are drums and tanks labeled and neatly arranged?
 - Do you see any spills or leaks?
 - Do they volunteer to show you compliance records?
 - Are staff knowledgeable?

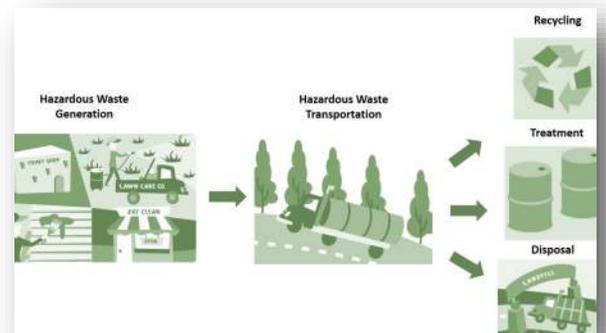


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