

Selecting a Hazardous Waste Transporter Fact Sheet

Hazardous Waste Management in BC

Choose your hazardous waste transporter carefully. You are responsible for any waste you generate until it is legally and properly received and disposed of at an authorized facility. If the companies you choose to transport your waste do not comply with the requirements of the **Hazardous Waste Regulation** and the **BC Environmental Management Act** and are charged with a violation while managing your wastes, you may also be held liable.

Some hazardous wastes may also be dangerous goods and the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and Regulations will also apply.

Selection Factors

Here are a few things you should do prior to selecting a hazardous waste transporter:

- Get references from business colleagues who have used a specific hazardous waste transporter.
- Contact your industry's trade associations, as they might have a file on companies that transport hazardous waste.
- Phone the Better Business Bureau or Chamber of Commerce in your area and in the area where the transporter is located. Get details of any complaints registered against specific transporters.
- Find out if the transportation company you are considering is licensed to transport hazardous waste in BC (has a valid LT Number), and is specifically authorized to carry the wastes types you generate. A complete list of licensed transporters and the waste types they are authorized to transport is available on the Ministry's homepage for transportation licencees: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/hazwaste/licencees/index.htm>
- The receiver/processor must provide a copy of the completed Manifest and confirm the waste was treated in accordance with BC requirements.

For some guidelines on selecting a receiver/processor, see fact sheet:

Selecting a Hazardous Waste Receiver/Processor

If you are unsure if a particular waste is hazardous, you should retain the services of a qualified hazardous waste consultant, or contact a reputable hazardous waste management company for advice.

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CHECKLIST Transporting Most Hazardous Waste

The generator must ensure that the waste is properly classified.

- Verify classification, type and shipping name.

A person who transports hazardous waste must be properly trained, and hold a training certificate issued by their employer if the wastes are also dangerous goods.

- Verify that their training certificate is valid.

A Waste Manifest is required for most shipments of hazardous waste, and must contain all required information.

- If you don't have a BC "generator number", find out if you need one; if so, contact the Ministry to get one.
- Fill in Part A (Generator/Consignor portion) of the Manifest.
- Verify that the transporter can understand the shipping name, the UN number, the class, the packing group, the quantity and any special handling/emergency instructions.
- Make sure the transporter has a valid license to transport hazardous waste that specifies the type of your waste.
- The transporter fills in Part B of the Manifest.
- Ensure you send the appropriate copy (Copy 1) of the Manifest to the BC MOE within 3 days of the shipment leaving your site and retain Copy 2 for your records for 2 years.
- Ensure you obtain a copy (Copy 6) of the completed Manifest from the receiver/processor and keep it on record for 2 years.

Hazardous waste must be in certified means of containment (packaging).

- Ensure hazardous waste is contained in appropriate packaging that is labeled consistent with its content.
- Verify that the person transporting the waste is familiar with the required safety markings on the means of containment.

Hazardous waste must display safety marks on the means of containment.

- Ensure that the appropriate labels and safety markings are on hazardous waste containers.
- Verify that the person transporting the waste is familiar with the shipping name, UN Number and the required label for the primary class displayed; and the labels for the subsidiary classes when displayed.
- Verify that the person transporting the waste understands the placards and UN Numbers that must be displayed when the means of containment is greater than 450 L.

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Need More Information?

Contact the nearest regional office of the BC Ministry of Environment. A list of regional offices can be found at <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/main/regions.html>

Or you can find your nearest Ministry of the Environment office by phone.

Victoria: (250) 387-6121

Vancouver: (604) 660-2421

Elsewhere in BC: 1-800-663-7867

Outside BC: (604) 660-2421

There are links to the relevant legislation, as well as other helpful information on the BC Ministry of Environment's Hazardous Wastes Homepage, <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/hazwaste/index.htm>

For more specific information please see the other fact sheets in this series

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