

Common Hazardous Wastes

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<u>Type of Hazardous Waste</u>	<u>Common Product/Activity Sources</u>	<u>Common Business Types</u>
Ignitable petroleum solvent, naphtha, stoddard solvent, mineral spirits.	Parts washers, degreasing equipment, metal cleaning, dry cleaning.	Auto dealers, vehicle maintenance facilities, metal manufacturers, dry cleaners.
Xylene (xylol), toluene (toluol), paint thinners.	Paint thinners, metal cleaning, wipe down before painting.	Auto body shops, metal manufacturers, fiberglass manufacturers.
Sodium hydroxide, lye.	Aqueous parts washers, hot tanks, strippers, metal cleaning.	Radiator shops, furniture strippers, engine rebuilders, metal manufacturers.
Methylene chloride.	Paint stripping, metal cleaning.	Furniture refinishers, auto body shops, metal manufacturers.
Acids (hydrochloric, sulfuric, phosphoric).	Metal cleaning, etching.	Metal finishing, electroplating, metal manufacturing, graphic arts.
Photography solutions.	Photograph or x-ray development.	Printers, hospitals, medical clinics, photo labs, photographers.
Inks, ink sludge.	Printing.	Printers, newspapers, plastic film, corrugated boxes.
Perchloroethylene (PERC), tetrachloroethylene	Dry cleaning, metal cleaning, electronic parts cleaning.	Dry cleaners, electric motor repair or manufacturing, circuit board cleaning.
Pesticides.	Pesticide application, seed treatment.	Farm service, seed companies, farmers, lawn and garden services.
Lead-acid batteries.	Vehicle maintenance, automobile salvage.	Auto dealers, vehicle maintenance facilities, automobile salvage yards.

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Paint filters, paint dust.	Paint booths, sand blasting.	Auto body shops, farm equipment repair facilities, metal manufacturing, vehicle maintenance facilities.
Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK)	Painting, paint cleanup.	Painters, auto body shops, metal manufacturing.
Oily waste (floor dry, disposable rags, floor drain pit sludge).	Oil spill cleanup and maintenance, floor drain pit cleanup.	Vehicle maintenance facilities, auto dealers, machine shops.
Stains, enamels, lacquers.	Wood staining, painting, finishing.	Furniture manufacturing and repair, wood product manufacturing.

The Iowa Waste Reduction Center can assist your small business. Please contact the IWRC at 800/422-3109 for free, non-regulatory and confidential environmental assistance.