

Common Hazardous Wastes

Type of Hazardous Waste	Common Product/ Activity Sources	Common Business Types
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.
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