
Retail Sales Permit for Household Hazardous Materials

Iowa Code §455F

Do these regulations apply to my operation?

If your facility sells any household hazardous material, in any amount, it must obtain a Household Hazardous Material (HHM) permit.

How do I know if I sell an HHM?

All hazardous product labels contain Global Harmonized System (GHS) signal words used to identify hazardous materials: *Caution*, *Warning*, *Danger* or *Toxic*. Some common household hazardous materials include, but are not limited to, any brand, grade or volume of the following products:

- **Motor oils and motor oil additives**, such as transmission fluid, engine lubricants;
- **Motor oil filters**;
- **Gasoline and diesel fuel additives**;
- **Degreasers**;
- **Waxes and polishes** (excluding nail polish) such as car and floor wax, furniture and shoe polish, spray dust cleaners and furniture polish,;
- **Solvents**, such as mineral spirits, turpentine, alcohols (excluding water);
- **Paints** (excluding latex-based paints);
- **Lacquers and Thinners** (excluding water);
- **Caustic household cleaners**, such as drain, toilet bowl and oven cleaners, rust remover, silver/chrome cleaner;
- **Petroleum-based spot and stain removers**;
- **Petroleum-based fertilizers**;
- **Pest/insect/garden products** such as yard/garden sprays, roach powder, bug sprays, fly strips, moth balls, algaecides, fungicides, herbicides, rodenticides, etc.;
- **Lead acid batteries**

The following reference list contains additional examples of HHMs but is not intended to identify all products: [Household Hazardous Materials Reference List](#).

Household hazardous materials do not include the following:

- Non-caustic household cleaners
- Laundry detergents or soaps;
- Dishwashing compounds;
- Chlorine bleach;
- Personal care products and soaps;
- Cosmetics; or
- Medications.

If your business conducts oil changes, but does not sell motor oil over the counter, you must still obtain an HHM permit if you include the number of quarts of oil used in your bill. If you bill the service simply as an oil change, you do not need to acquire an HHM permit.

What do I need to do to comply with this requirement?

- Obtain an HHM permit annually by July 1 for each location by completing the online registration or the application form and send it with the payment to the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance.
 - » ATTN Registration Services
Iowa Department of Revenue
PO Box 10470
Des Moines, IA 50306-0470
- The annual fee for the permit is \$25, and should be made payable to the Iowa Department of Revenue. The permit is valid from July 1 – June 30. The permit fee is not prorated.
- Distribute, without charge, consumer brochures and educational material upon request. Educational materials are available free of charge from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

What are the benefits of obtaining an HHM permit?

Informing consumers of the characteristics of and proper disposal methods for household hazardous materials increases the likelihood that these products will be used and disposed of properly. Proper disposal of such products by consumers means cleaner water for Iowans.

*The Iowa Waste Reduction Center can assist your small business.
Please contact the IWRC at 319-273-8905 for free, non-regulatory and confidential environmental assistance.*