

GENERAL HAZMAT COMPLIANCE FAQ'S

What is a regulated hazardous material?

Those chemicals or substances, which are physical hazards or health hazards as defined in Section 2701.2 of the 2010 California Fire Code; generally, if the material has had an MSDS, it can be considered as a hazardous material.

Who oversees the compliance of hazardous materials in the City?

Hazardous material compliance, with the exception of biological derivatives, is administered by the Ventura City Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division. Jurisdictional authority for Fire Code compliance extends to all hazardous waste streams. Hazardous wastes are otherwise administered by the Ventura County Environmental Health Department (EHD).

What regulations govern the safe and proper use of hazardous materials within the City?

Fire Prevention Division utilizes the San Buenaventura Municipal Code, the 2010 California Fire Code, as well as the Health and Safety Code in its oversight of hazardous materials.

Are permits required for the storage, handling, or distribution of hazardous substances in the City?

Yes, providing your business meets at least one of the following scenarios:

1. Hazardous materials at or above threshold quantities designated in CFC Table 105.6.20 requires receipt of an annual operating permit, issued through the Fire Prevention Division only.
2. Hazardous materials at or above Health and Safety Code (HSC) threshold quantities requires a completed Hazardous Material Business Plan (HMBP) on file with the Fire Prevention Division, *and* receipt of an annual operating permit issued through the EHD.
3. *Both* hazardous material and hazardous waste at or above HSC threshold quantities requires a completed HMBP on file with *both* Fire Prevention Division and EHD, *and* receipt of an annual operating permit issued through and by the EHD.

What does a permit cost?

View the current Schedule of Fees at www.venturacityfire.com (Fire Prevention Forms)

Who is responsible for hazardous substance compliance at your business?

An approved facility-specific HMBP must be on file with the Fire Prevention Division within 30 days of regulated substances being placed on site. The operator of record is typically responsible for safe handling and operation of hazardous materials operations, but responsibility may also be attributed to the property owner.

How do I dispose of hazardous materials?

Under *no circumstances* are regulated hazardous materials to be placed in the garbage or abandoned on public or private property. If you're a Ventura business or resident generating *more than* "27 gallons or 220 pounds" of regulated hazardous waste per month, you will need to contract with a State licensed hazardous waste hauler for disposal of your hazardous waste.

If you're a Ventura business or resident generating *less than* the "27 gallons or 220 pounds" monthly of "typical" hazardous waste, you may be eligible to participate in the City's monthly household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event. Call the Environmental Services Department for details or to make an appointment.

Contact Numbers

Ventura City Environmental Services Department (HHW): 805/652-4525

Ventura County EHD: 805/654-2823