



## Business Closure Requirements

This fact sheet summarizes the regulatory requirements for closure of a business handling hazardous materials and/or generating hazardous waste. It does not include the additional closure requirements for generators treating onsite hazardous waste under a tiered permit authorization. These additional requirements are summarized on the California Department of Toxic Substances Control website at <https://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/upload/closure-regmts-gen-tpf.pdf>.

### Business Closure

Businesses are obligated to comply with specific regulatory requirements upon closure of their facilities. If an individual owner or a company moves, goes out of business or sells their facility; then, they must comply with the following closure requirements:

- Decontaminate and/or remove all contaminated equipment, structures and soil. All hazardous wastes generated during closure activities must be properly disposed of and the associated manifests made available for inspection.
- Minimize/control/eliminate the escape of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents into the environment.
- When required, submit a closure plan demonstrating how the hazardous materials will be transported, disposed of, or reused in a manner that eliminates the need for further maintenance and any threat to public health and safety.

In addition to the above regulatory closure requirements, businesses should:

- Notify the Department about facility closure and associated activities. Call (323) 890-4045 about your closure activities or write to: Los Angeles County Fire Department, Health Hazardous Materials Division, Attention: Inspection Assistant Chief, 5825 Rickenbacker Road, Commerce, CA 90040.
- Contact this Department's Financial Management Division at (323) 881-2444 to initiate the permit inactivation process and pay any outstanding fees. Businesses that close without paying their permit fees may be subject to potential penalties and/or enforcement action.

### Site Cleanup

Corrective action and/or site cleanup is required when there has been a release, or suspected release, of hazardous materials, hazardous waste and/or hazardous waste constituents into the environment. Businesses are responsible for remediation activities and should contact the Site Mitigation Unit (SMU) at (323) 890-4106 for further information.

For specific information regarding corrective action or voluntary site assessment procedures, visit the SMU website at <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/hhmd/site-mitigation-unit-2/> and review the SMU application form.

**Note:** This fact sheet is intended for informational purposes only and may not encompass all the laws and regulations to this topic. More details may be found at Cal/EPA Department of Toxic Substance Control: [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov). If further information is needed, call the County of Los Angeles CUPA at (323) 890-4045, or your local district office.

### References

- Title 22 California Code of Regulations 66265.111, 66265.114
- [Health and Safety Code 25187](#)
- Title 32 Los Angeles County Code of Ordinances 5001.6