



## Accumulation Storage Time Limits for HW

This fact sheet summarizes the hazardous waste accumulation storage time limits for the three hazardous waste generator categories: large quantity generators, small quantity generators and conditionally exempt small quantity generators. Generators are categorized primarily by their rate of hazardous waste generation (i.e. kilograms per month). The types and quantities of hazardous waste must also be evaluated to ensure that the generator is categorized correctly. This fact sheet also addresses satellite accumulation.

### Large Quantity Generator

A business is a Large Quantity Generator (LQG) if the business:

- Generates (in any calendar month) 270 gallons (1,000 kilograms/2,200 pounds) or more of hazardous waste;
- Generates (in any calendar month) more than one kilogram (2.2 pounds) of extremely or acutely hazardous waste (AHW) or 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of debris resulting from the spill of an AHW; or
- Accumulates on-site more than 6,000 kilograms (13,200 pounds) of hazardous waste at any time.

The hazardous waste accumulation storage time limit at an LQG facility is 90 days. The 90-day period for accumulation starts the FIRST DAY the generator begins accumulating any hazardous waste.

### Small Quantity Generator

A business is a small quantity generator (SQG) if the business generates (in any calendar month) between 27 and 270 gallons (100 and 1,000 kilograms) (220 and 2,200 pounds) of hazardous waste or less than one kilogram (2.2 pounds) of an AHW and accumulates no more than 6,000 kilograms (13,200 pounds) of hazardous waste onsite at any time.

The hazardous waste accumulation storage time limit at an SQG facility is 180 days. The 180-day period for accumulation starts the FIRST DAY the generator begins accumulating any hazardous waste. If the waste MUST be transported over a distance of 200 miles or more, the generator may store the waste onsite for up to 270 days. The generator cannot store an AHW in any amount greater than one kilogram (2.2 pounds) for more than 90 days.

### Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator

A business is a conditionally exempt small quantity generator (CESQG) if the business generates (in any calendar month) less than 27 gallons (100 kilograms) (220 pounds) of hazardous waste and less than one kilogram (2.2) pounds of an AHW.

The hazardous waste accumulation storage time limit at a CESQG is 90 days. However, the 90-day period for accumulation starts once 100 kilograms of hazardous waste (or one kilogram of an AHW) have accumulated. There is no accumulation time limit at a CESQG that has not yet accumulated 27 gallons (100 kilograms) (220 pounds) of hazardous waste or one kilogram (2.2 pounds) of an AHW.

### Satellite Accumulation

Satellite accumulation is the collection of hazardous waste in a container (not in a tank) located at or near the point (i.e. process or piece of equipment) where the waste is generated. The container must be under the control of the operator of the waste generation process. The general requirements for satellite accumulation consist of

the following:

- Quantity Limits – No more than 55 gallons of a hazardous waste or one quart of an AHW may be accumulated at each satellite accumulation point. These limits apply to each waste stream. The generator can accumulate more than one waste in each satellite accumulation.
- Accumulation Time Limits – The generator can keep a satellite accumulation container on-site for a maximum of one year from the date the waste is first placed in the container, or 90 (LQG) or 180 (SQG) days from the date the generator accumulates 55 gallons of hazardous waste or one quart of AHW, whichever occurs first.

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**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**

- [California Health and Safety Code 25123.3\(c\)](#)
- [Title 22 California Code of Regulations 66262.34](#)