



Waste Disposal Sites and Source Water Protection

Ontario's Clean Water Act identifies waste disposal sites that handle and store hazardous waste as a possible risk of contamination to our drinking water sources.

Typical examples of operations that handle and store exempt waste include:

- Medical clinics
- Retailers
- Print shops
- Laboratories
- Hardware stores that collect hazardous waste for disposal

A waste disposal site is:

- Any land upon, into, in or through which, or building or structure in which, waste is deposited, disposed of, handled, stored, transferred, treated or processed.
- Any operation carried out or machinery or equipment used in connection with the depositing, disposal, handling, storage, transfer, treatment or processing of waste.

Waste disposal site Environmental Compliance Approvals are issued under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA), and are required prior to the establishment, extension or continued operation of a waste disposal site.

Use these best management practices when handling any type of hazardous waste:

- Read the label. Choose products without warnings that the product could be harmful.
- Look for products containing naturally occurring or plant-based materials.
- Choose water-based, heavy duty detergent cleaners.
- Choose solvents that are not made from petroleum.
- Store hazardous liquids in sealed containers with secure lids.
- Do not dispose of hazardous liquids in your garbage, down the drain or to storm sewers.
- Safely dispose of hazardous waste at a waste management facility near you. Find one at durham.ca/WMF



The Regional Municipality of Durham, Works Department
If you require this information in an accessible format, please contact
905-668-7711 ext. 3488 durham.ca/SWP

