

A GUIDE TO Managing Shop Rags

Hazardous or Non-hazardous waste

Before disposing of any shop rags (*reusable or disposable*), it must be determined if they are hazardous waste. Rags that contain listed hazardous wastes (*other than solvents*) or exhibit the characteristic of corrosivity, reactivity or toxicity due to contaminants other than solvents are a hazardous waste.



Rags that are contaminated with ONLY solvents are no longer a hazardous waste provided the conditions of the exclusion are met. These are called *Solvent-Contaminated Wipes*.*



Solvent-Contaminated Wipes Excluded



Small Quantity Generator Program
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To Meet the Conditions of the Exclusion

for Solvent-Contaminated Wipes

- Wipes must be:
 - Contained in non-leaking, closed containers.
 - Void of free liquids.
 - Labeled "Excluded Solvent-Contaminated Wipes."
 - Accumulated for less than 180 days onsite.
- The generator is required to retain the following documentation:
 - Name and address of laundry, dry cleaner, landfill or incinerator.
 - Documentation of the 180-day accumulation time limit.
 - Description of the process used to meet the "no free liquids" condition.

No Free Liquids Condition:

Facilities may use mechanical wringers, solvent extraction technologies or process knowledge to meet the standard to ensure that if the Paint Filter Liquids Test (EPA Methods Test 9095B) was performed, the wipes would pass.

Disposal Options for Shop Rags

Non-hazardous rags

Dispose in the trash or launder at a commercial laundry facility or dry cleaner

Hazardous rags

Dispose through a licensed hazardous waste transporter

Solvent-contaminated reusable wipes

Launder at a commercial laundry facility or dry cleaner

Solvent-contaminated disposable wipes

Dispose at Pinellas County Solid Waste by appointment; contact (727) 464-7500

- To dispose of solvent-contaminated wipes at Pinellas County Solid Waste, they must:
 - be in a clear, 6-Mil or thicker sealed plastic bag.
 - be labeled with the words "Excluded Solvent-Contaminated Wipes."
 - not contain any **free liquids**.

*What are solvent-contaminated wipes?

- Wipes containing one or more F001-F005 listed solvent or the corresponding P- or U-listed solvents.
- Wipes that exhibit a hazardous characteristic resulting from a listed solvent.
- Wipes that exhibit only the hazardous characteristic of ignitibility when containing one or more non-listed solvents.

examples

- Acetone
- Ethyl benzene
- Isobutyl alcohol
- Methanol
- Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK)
- Methylene chloride
- Tetrachloroethylene
- Toluene
- Trichloroethylene (*for reusable wipes only*)
- Xylenes

This label is provided for your convenience to place on containers of solvent-contaminated wipes.