

Environmental Programs

Special Waste Regulations

Special Waste Transportation

Under the Yukon's Special Waste Regulations, permits are required for the transportation of special wastes in the territory.

Many spills of special wastes occur during transportation. While rare, spills of special wastes put both the environment and human health at risk, and can be expensive to clean up. Although other laws and codes cover driver training and vehicle safety, only the Special Waste Regulations work to ensure that drivers, shippers, and receivers are aware of the hazards associated with special wastes.

Permits for the transportation of special waste will help ensure that special waste transporters protect their employees, the public and the environment by making sure they have the knowledge and resources to properly handle special wastes and prevent and manage spills.

Do I Need a Special Waste Permit for Transportation?

The following questions will help you determine if you or your company should apply for a special waste permit:

1. Are you transporting special wastes?

Special wastes are dangerous goods no longer used for their original purpose. Some common types of special waste include waste oil, used batteries, used antifreeze, and leftover solvents, cleaners, paints, and pesticides.

2. Are you transporting special waste as part of a business activity?

The requirement to obtain a permit applies only to those individuals or companies who transport special wastes that they generate through business activities, or that they transport on behalf of others. Householders do **not** need a permit to transport their own special wastes to a transportation or management facility that is permitted to handle them.

3. Do the quantities of special waste to be transported meet or exceed any of the following minimum thresholds?

- 5 kilograms or more of solid special wastes;
- 5 litres or more of liquid special wastes other than waste oil;
- 5 kilograms or 5 litres or more of a mixture of a solid special waste and a liquid special waste other than waste oil; or
- 20 litres or more of waste oil.

Permit Requirements

Companies and individuals required to obtain a special waste permit for transportation must supply the following with their permit application:

- proof of minimum \$2 million automobile liability insurance;
- a list of special wastes commonly carried; and
- an approved spill response plan that addresses those special wastes.

These requirements ensure that if a spill does occur, the company will have a plan in place to help minimize any environmental damage, and that clean-up costs will be covered by the responsible party's insurance, rather than by taxpayer funds.

Permits are issued for renewable three-year terms and provide identification numbers for the waste manifests required for all special waste shipments. Requirements for record keeping and notification are standard conditions of the permit.

Application forms are available at Department of Environment offices in Whitehorse and on our website at <http://environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/monitoringenvironment/regulations.php>.

Spills Regulations

The Spills Regulations describe the size and kinds of spills that must be reported. The person who possesses or controls a special waste at the time of a spill, or who causes a spill, is responsible for reporting it and for notifying anyone who may be adversely affected by it. Containment and clean-up action should begin as soon as possible to protect human health and the natural environment. The spill contingency plans required by special waste transportation permits will help ensure that the cleanup will minimize adverse effects on environmental and human health.

**Spills must be reported immediately to the
Yukon Spills Report Centre in Whitehorse at (867) 667-7244
(24 hour service), or an Environmental Protection Officer.**
Collect calls are accepted.

For permit applications or additional information on the Special Waste or Spills Regulations, please contact:

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