

Solid & Hazardous Waste Services

The management of solid and hazardous wastes is a serious challenge faced by most businesses. There are many legal, moral, social, and financial liabilities associated with business waste management practices. It is up to a business to reduce those liabilities to the extent practical. Hazardous wastes may include anything from used fluorescent light bulbs to spent paints and solvents. It is the responsibility of the generator to determine whether the wastes are a solid or a hazardous waste.

The hazardous waste handling program, as it is best known today, came into being with the passage of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976. RCRA mandated the cradle to grave management of hazardous wastes. Under RCRA, businesses are responsible for wastes from the moment the wastes are generated until the moment the wastes are either properly destroyed, reused, or recycled. A generator is responsible for wastes even after those wastes have been disposed in a landfill or after handled by a less-than-credible destruction or recycling facility. There have been numerous occasions where a business was held responsible for clean-up costs at landfills and other treatment sites, years after the waste actually left the business facility. Given such, it is important that a business works only with reputable waste management and disposal firms.

Bay Environmental Strategies, Inc. (BAY) is a well-respected waste management firm with an experienced and knowledgeable staff. By working with BAY, you will be provided the expertise needed to develop the programs and procedures required to comply with the RCRA requirements.

BAY can provide expert assistance in:

- Waste minimization
- Pollution prevention
- Characterization of waste streams
- Identifying beneficial re-use opportunities
- Training awareness and proper handling
- Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility (TSDF) reviews
- Preparation of annual hazardous waste activity reports

Each of the above activities can be accomplished as part of a waste management service provided by BAY or as part of BAY's *Environmental Management Program*.

