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**What's new with
dangerous waste today?**

Time to switch to RCRAInfo!

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After over 30 years, we're saying goodbye to our old reporting platform, TurboWaste. That means sites must now report their dangerous waste online through EPA's reporting platform, RCRAInfo. We will not accept paper reports.

Follow this timeline to stay in compliance:

- **Now–Dec. 2025:** Set up your new industry account in [RCRAInfo](#),¹ if you haven't yet.
- **Jan. 1, 2026:** Begin using RCRAInfo for the 2025 report cycle.

How to get started

1. **Create your account** following the guidance from [RCRAInfo Industry](#).²
2. [Request an existing site](#)³ if you have one.
3. **Add users** and assign permissions.

Permission levels

Multiple users can have access to the same site—we encourage and recommend it. You may want to [give your users different permissions](#)⁴ on RCRAInfo like Viewer, Preparer, Certifier, or Site Management.



Remember, part of the Site Manager's role is to **remove** users' access to RCRAInfo when the user leaves their role or company.

New Electronic Signature Agreement

We cannot use your existing TurboWaste Electronic Signature Agreement (ESA⁵). You'll need a new ESA if you are a Certifier or Site Manager in RCRAInfo.

Once you're assigned the "Certifier" or "Site Management" permission level, you'll be prompted to complete the ESA next time you log into the industry application. The ESA page will also appear if you request a new EPA/State ID Number **and** have not previously completed an ESA.

Electronic submissions

We require electronic submissions. With the ESA, you can submit all notification types electronically.



We no longer accept paper notifications.
This includes new and episodic notifications.

Our email address has changed

Our new email address is
WA-RCRAInfo@ecy.wa.gov.

Emails sent to the old TurboWaste email address will be forwarded to us for now, but we highly encourage you to use the new email address. Our phone number will remain the same.

What about my old data in TurboWaste?

You can view **previously** submitted data using the [search tool](#).⁶ You won't be able to retrieve any unsubmitted data.

If you need to amend an existing report, please reach out to the reporting team for help. ♦

Full e-Manifest Third Rule takes effect Dec. 1

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In the [previous issue of Shoptalk](#),⁷ we shared that parts of EPA's [e-Manifest Third Rule](#)⁸ had gone into effect. These changes meant that state and federal hazardous waste regulations would have different timelines for:

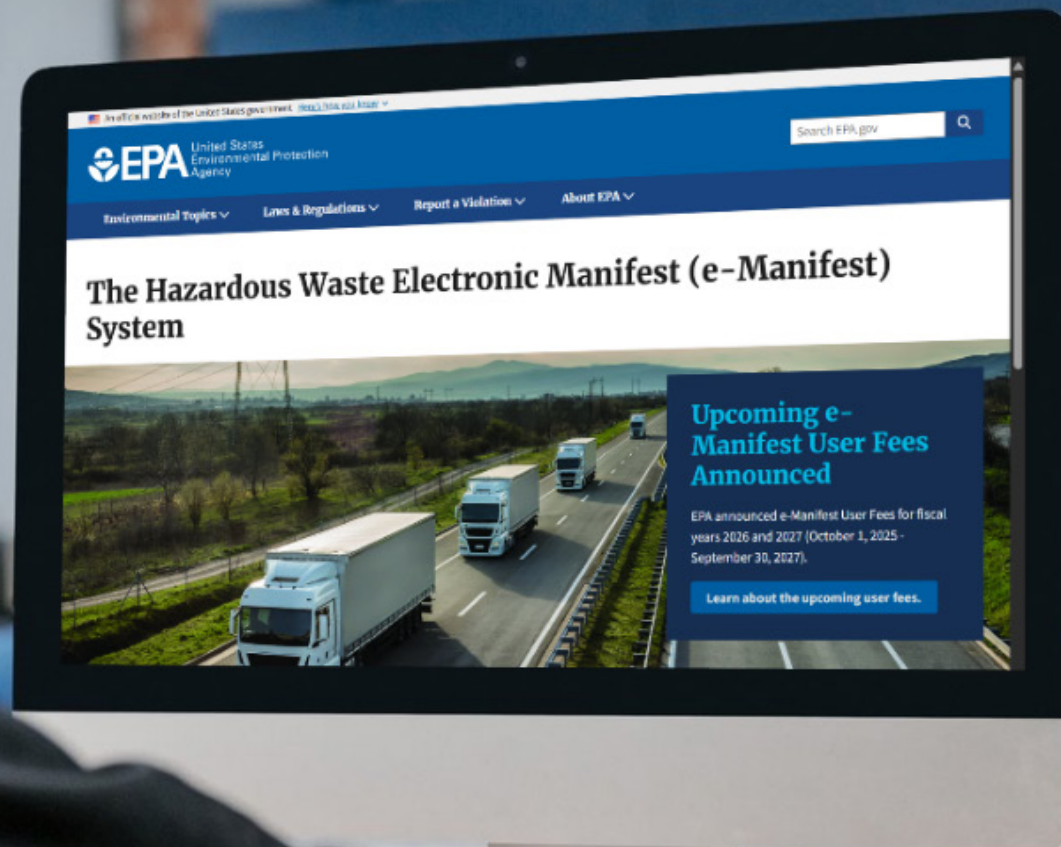
- The initial search for an unsubmitted manifest.
- The submittal of manifest exception and discrepancy reports.

To address these differences until the Dangerous Waste Regulations are updated, we issued the [Interim Compliance Assistance Policy for Manifest Exception and Discrepancy Reports](#).⁹

Beginning Dec. 1, 2025, the entire e-Manifest Third Rule will take effect. At that time:

- Ecology will no longer accept paper or emailed exception, discrepancy, and unmanifested waste reports.
- Facilities must submit these reports electronically through the e-Manifest module in [RCRAInfo](#).¹⁰
- Users must register in RCRAInfo and have at least the Certifier role in the e-Manifest module for their site.
- There are no fees for submitting these manifest-related reports.

For the most current information, visit [EPA's e-manifest webpage](#).¹¹ This webpage offers training videos and registration instructions for using the e-manifest system in RCRAInfo. In the future, guidance on submitting electronic exception, discrepancy, and unmanifested waste reports will be added. Check back regularly for the most up-to-date information. ♦



The Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest (e-Manifest) System

Upcoming e-Manifest User Fees Announced

EPA announced e-Manifest User Fees for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 (October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2027).

[Learn about the upcoming user fees.](#)

Opportunities and success stories

Recycle waste, earn money, and support your community with E-Cycle Washington

WASHINGTON MATERIALS MANAGEMENT AND FINANCING AUTHORITY

If you're a small business owner, you already play a vital role in your community. But if you want to make your business even more community-focused **and** bring new foot traffic through your doors, consider partnering with [E-Cycle Washington](#).¹²

E-Cycle Washington helps individuals, schools, and businesses (with less than 50 employees) recycle computers, monitors, and TVs for free. With over 200 drop-off sites across the state, it's an easy and eco-friendly way to clear out outdated electronic equipment.

How can your business help?

Your business can also become a public collection site.

This is a program that gives back—offering several benefits to participating businesses:

- **Increased visibility and foot traffic.** People coming to recycle may discover your products or services while they're there.
- **Online exposure.** Your business gets listed on two high-traffic websites: [ecyclewa.org](#) and [1800recycle.wa.gov](#), which helps boost your search engine optimization (SEO).
- **Payment per pound.** You get paid for the electronics you collect, while E-Cycle Washington covers transportation and recycling costs.
- **Community goodwill.** You'll be known as a sustainability-minded business that gives back.

Becoming a drop-off site is easier than you might think. All you need is storage space and a staff member available during business hours to accept items. If approved, your site will be listed online, and you'll receive support to get started.

Don't have the space to be a site?

You can still take advantage of the free recycling program.

Head to [ecyclewa.org](#), enter your ZIP code in the locator, and find a site near you. We accept working (and non-working) televisions, computers, and monitors of all sizes. If you have more than 10 items or badly damaged items, call the location ahead of time to make sure they can accept them.

Participating makes a difference

E-Cycle Washington has safely recycled over 485 million pounds of electronics since 2009. Together, we can keep harmful materials out of landfills, recover valuable resources, and help your business stand out in your community.

Ready to become the next e-cycling center? Visit [ecyclewa.org](#) or email info@wmmfa.net to get started. ♦



PaintCare offers free large-volume pickup service

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If you have a few gallons of leftover paint, you might be able to take it to a drop-off site. But what if you have more than 100 gallons of leftover paint sitting in storage? [PaintCare](#),¹³ a nonprofit paint stewardship program, offers a **free Large Volume Pickup (LVP) service** for households, contractors, and businesses that are [small quantity generators](#)¹⁴ (less than 220 pounds per month) of dangerous waste. The program accepts latex and, in some cases, oil-based paints and coatings in their original containers (5 gallons or smaller, not bulked).

Here's how it works: You submit a request form online. If eligible, PaintCare arranges for a licensed transporter to collect your paint at no charge.

The perks of responsibly managing paint waste include:

- Save money on disposal.
- Free up valuable storage space.
- Support dangerous waste compliance.

Using PaintCare's free LVP service is a simple way to clear out stockpiles responsibly and keep paint in circulation.

🔗 Learn more at: paintcare.org/large-volume-pickups ◆



Source: youtube.com/watch?v=PR7o79mfuml

Helpful guidance for dangerous waste generators

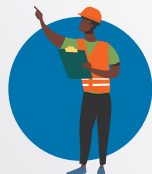
Publications and resources

Safer Products



- [Protect Yourself From Toxic Thermal Receipts](#)¹⁵
- [Step-by-Step Pathways of Exposure for Priority Chemicals](#)¹⁶
- [Safer Products for Washington Cycle 1.5 Rulemaking \(CR 102\): Overview](#)¹⁷
- [Identification of Priority Products: Safer Products for Washington Cycle 2 Implementation Phase 2](#)¹⁸
- [Brief Comment Summary: Priority Products Report to the Legislature for Safer Products for Washington Cycle 2](#)¹⁹ (Translations available)

Waste Management



- [Environmental Performance Partnership Agreement Between the Department of Ecology and the Environmental Protection Agency: State Fiscal Years 2026–2027](#)²⁰
- [2024 Pollution Prevention \(P2\) Plan and Hazardous Waste Planning Fee Guide](#)²¹
- **Updated:** [Guide to Dangerous Waste by Generator Category](#)²²
- **Updated:** [Aqueous Film Forming Foam Guidance for Firefighting Organizations](#)²³
- **Updated:** [PFAS in Firefighting Foam](#)²⁴

PCBs in Building Materials (videos)



- [PCBs in Building Materials: Pressure Washing](#)²⁵
- [PCBs in Building Materials: Economics & Environment](#)²⁶
- [PCBs in Building Materials: Protecting Your Investment](#)²⁷



Step-by-Step Pathways of Exposure for Priority Chemicals



Protect Yourself From Toxic Thermal Receipts

What's the problem?

Bisphenols are chemicals found in common products like water bottles and thermal paper cash register receipts. They may cause negative health impacts.

People who come in frequent contact with thermal paper, like cashiers and customers, are most at risk.



What can you do?

There are several easy things you can do to better protect your health and the environment.

Cashiers

Handle as little as possible.
Wear Personal Protective Equipment on your hands such as nitrile gloves to reduce skin contact with thermal receipts.

Keep hands dry.
Thoroughly dry hands after washing and wait for your hands to dry after using lotion or hand sanitizer.

Keep away from food.
Avoid ingesting bisphenols by washing your hands thoroughly before eating and keeping receipts away from direct contact with food.

Limit printing.
Consider only printing receipts upon customer request, only printing merchant copy if information is not stored electronically.

Customers

Handle as little as possible.
Only request receipts if necessary and avoid crumpling into your palm.

Keep hands dry.
Thoroughly dry hands after washing and wait for your hands to dry after using lotion or hand sanitizer.

Keep away from food.
Avoid ingesting bisphenols by washing your hands thoroughly before eating and keeping receipts away from direct contact with food.

Keep away from children.
Children are more susceptible to the harmful effects of bisphenols.

Do not recycle.
Bisphenols can contaminate recycling. Thermal receipts belong in the trash.

Endnotes

- 1 <https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/rcrainfoprod/action/secured/login>
- 2 <https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/rcrainfo-help/application/industryHelp/index.htm#t=UserManagement%2FUG-UserMgmtCreateNewUserWithMFA.htm>
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- 4 https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/rcrainfo-help/application/industryHelp/FAQs.htm#REQUEST_PERMISSIONS_FOR_SITES
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- 7 <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2504002.pdf#page=8>
- 8 <https://www.epa.gov/e-manifest/final-rule-integrating-e-manifest-exports-and-other-manifest-related-reports-pcb>
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