

Toxic and Hazardous Material Storage Registration and Inspection Program

Is there a permit requirement in Nassau County for the storage of toxic or hazardous materials?

Article XI of the Nassau County Public Health Ordinance requires that a permit be obtained for the storage of toxic or hazardous materials, both fresh and waste, that exceeds specified volumes. A separate permit is also required for the installation of a new or modified toxic or hazardous material storage facility.

What materials would be considered toxic or hazardous?

Generally, materials considered to be a potential hazard to human health or a threat to the quality of the drinking water supply or to the quality of the surface waters of the County of Nassau are considered to be toxic or hazardous materials. Specific definitions can be found in the code.

What materials would be considered toxic or hazardous waste?

Toxic or hazardous materials, excluding antifreeze, that are not part of an end product or that are a by-product of a manufacturing process are considered to be toxic or hazardous wastes. Regulated medical waste is also considered a toxic or hazardous waste.

Are sharps (needles, etc.) used for home medication considered regulated medical waste or hazardous waste?

Household sharps are not considered to be regulated medical waste, but must be disposed of properly. Sharps can be brought to the nearest hospital or health care center. These facilities will have a person on staff that will direct you to the facilities disposal site.

Are there any materials that are defined as toxic or hazardous materials that do not require a permit from the Health Department?

Regulation of the storage of highly flammable chemicals or of any material that fuels an internal combustion engine falls under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Nassau County Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal's office can be reached at (516) 572-1000.