

WAC 296-17A-4305 Classification 4305.

4305-18 Garbage works, landfills, solid waste, refuse or ashes collecting, including reduction or incineration, mobile paper shredding, and tire sorting or tire collection centers

Applies to:

- Businesses engaged in collecting and removing waste from private homes, commercial businesses, industrial facilities, or other sites for disposal at a garbage works or a landfill where the waste is processed, incinerated, or buried;
- Businesses that only sort refuse;
- Businesses engaged in mobile paper shredding services;
- Businesses engaged in tire collection or tire sorting for resale to others.

Types of business include, but are not limited to:

- Ashes collecting;
- Garbage or refuse collection;
- Landfills;
- Garbage works;
- Garbage incineration or garbage disposal;
- Mobile paper shredding - Mobile paper shredding services send a truck outfitted with a paper shredder to the business location for shredding. Customers fill containers for secure disposal. Shredding occurs on-site. Delivery of the shredded paper to recyclers or other businesses by employees of the employer is included in this classification;
- Refuse sorting centers - Refuse sorting centers are distinguished from "buy back centers" classified in 2102 in that "buy back centers" collect recyclable materials, which they sell to others while refuse sorting centers collect and dispose of materials;
- Tire disposal;
- Tire sorting/tire storage - Tire collection or tire sorting businesses pick up, haul, and deliver used tires to a sorting location or disposal site. Employees may sort and grade tires for resale to others. Unusable tires are delivered to landfills or disposal sites;
- Waste compaction.

Work activities include, but are not limited to:

- Refuse pick up on a daily, weekly, or other regular basis. Drivers collect curbside garbage or transport metal dumpsters for commercial businesses;
- Curbside collection of recyclable material when performed by employees of an employer subject to this classification;
- Processing waste at a landfill, which may be compacted, spread in thin layers, and covered with soil daily;
- Cashiers collecting fees from customers;
- Incidental recycling or sorting operations conducted in connection with a landfill or garbage works operation by employees of an employer subject to this classification;
- Incinerating refuse to reduce its volume before the remaining material is discarded in a landfill;
- Accepting construction debris, such as plasterboard, cement, dirt, wood, and brush at landfills;
- Delivering sorted tires or shredded paper to other businesses that either recycle or dispose of them.

Machinery and equipment include, but are not limited to:

- Compactors;
- Conveyors;
- Crushers;
- Excavators;
- Forklifts;
- Front end loaders;
- Incinerators;
- Pallets;
- Paper shredders;
- Tractors;
- Trucks.

Exclusions:

- Counties or taxing districts engaged in garbage works, land-fill, reduction or incineration operations are classified in 1501;
- Cities or towns engaged in solid waste refuse or ashes collecting, including curbside recycling services, are classified in 0803;
- Businesses engaged in hazardous waste and toxic material processing or handling, including processing of medical or septic tank waste, drug lab or hazardous spill cleanup (excluding oil spill cleanup on land), and reprocessing or handling of low-level radioactive materials, are classified in 4305-20;
- Recycle (buy-back) center operations that include the collecting, buying from customers, sorting, and the baling of materials, are classified in 2102.

Note: For rules on assigning and reporting in more than one basic classification, see WAC 296-17-31017 Multiple classifications.

4305-20 Hazardous waste and toxic material processing or handling, N.O.C.

Applies to:

Businesses engaged in the *processing or handling* of hazardous/toxic materials not covered by another classification (N.O.C.), including the *processing* of medical or septic tank waste, drug lab or hazardous spill *cleanup* (excluding oil spill cleanup on land), and *reprocessing or handling* of low-level radioactive materials.

Additional information:

- This classification is distinguished from classification 3701-27, in that classification 4305-20 applies to the *processing or cleanup* of hazardous/toxic materials while classification 3701-27 includes the *identifying and repackaging for disposal* of such materials as drugs, pesticides, chemicals, and toners.

- Hazardous waste can be defined as any material that contains hazardous elements in amounts high enough to pose a significant threat to human health and the environment and therefore should be isolated.

- Hazardous characteristics include the ability to bioconcentrate, ignite, corrode, react with water or other materials, or show toxicity such as toxic metals including lead, cadmium and mercury; organic solvents such as benzene and trichloroethylene; and toxic materials such as asbestos.

Machinery and equipment include, but are not limited to:

- Breathing apparatus;
- Eye protection and face masks;
- Forklifts;
- Gloves;
- Hard hats;
- Hazardous material suits;

- High temperature and high pressure equipment for cleansing;
- Puncture proof containers;
- Storage barrels for containment and transport;
- Traffic barriers and cones;
- Trucks.

Exclusions:

- Businesses engaged in garbage works, landfill, reduction or incineration operations, solid waste or landfill operations, mobile shredding, or tire collection and tire storage are classified in 4305-18;
- Soil remediation, including oil spill cleanup on land, is classified in 0101;
- Asbestos abatement, all operations, is classified in 0512;
- Processing of waste oils, solvents, antifreeze, paints, and other hazardous materials, is classified in 3407;
- Hazardous/toxic material repackaging for disposal, including drugs, pesticides, chemicals, and toners, is classified in 3701.

Special note: See asbestos certification and training requirements at www.lni.wa.gov.

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4305-22 Debris removal: Construction sites or nonconstruction debris N.O.C.

Applies to:

- Businesses engaged in collecting and removing construction site debris left by construction crews. The debris may consist of scrap lumber, metal, wire, drywall, carpet and any other materials used in the construction of residential or commercial projects.
- Businesses which collect and remove nonconstruction debris including, but not limited to, basement debris, household junk, garden waste, furniture, and appliances.

Machinery and equipment include, but are not limited to:

- Dump trailers;
- Dump trucks;
- Roll off dumpsters;
- Utility trailers.

Exclusions:

- Businesses engaged in residential or commercial construction that remove and haul their own debris, are classified in the construction classification applicable to the work performed;
- Businesses engaged in garbage works, landfill reduction or incineration operations; solid waste, refuse, or ashes collecting, including curbside collection services; mobile paper shredding; tire collection; or tire storage services are classified in 4305-18;
- Businesses engaged in hazardous waste and toxic material processing or handling, including processing of medical or septic tank waste, drug lab or hazardous spill cleanup (excluding oil spill cleanup on land), and reprocessing or handling of low-level radioactive materials are classified in 4305-20;
- Businesses engaged in preoccupancy cleanup of newly constructed residential or commercial structures, which includes washing windows, vacuuming carpets, dusting woodwork, doors, cabinets, and washing floors and fixtures, are classified in 6602-03.

Note: For rules on assigning and reporting in more than one basic classification, see WAC 296-17-31017 Multiple classifications.

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