
Household Hazardous Materials Permit Information

Iowa Code §455F

Frequently asked questions:

DO I NEED A PERMIT IF I...

Conduct oil changes but do not sell oil over the counter?

- If the consumer is charged according to the number of quarts used > **YES**;
- if it is simply billed as an oil change, and no other HHMs are sold by the retailer > **NO**.

Sell car wax at my car wash?

- If the wax is part of the wash cycle > **NO**;
- if the wax is sold from a vending machine > **YES**.

Sell only a small amount of these products?

- **YES**

Sell only to farmers?

- **YES**

Use HHMs in the products I make but do not sell any HHMs (for example, those who make and sell handcraft items but do not sell materials for making crafts)?

- **NO**

Do not sell on a retail basis from this location (for example, corporate headquarters)?

- **NO**

Sell something not specifically listed?

- Call the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for assistance, 515-725-8200.

Why does my permit expire June 30 when I paid the full price in January?

- As per Iowa Code, all HHM Permits expire June 30 of each year. Permits are nonrefundable and are not prorated for a partial year.

Where do the funds from the permit go?

- Funding generated from the permit fees goes into the household hazardous waste account of the groundwater protection fund created in Iowa Code section 455E.11.

Exceptions

Retailers who sell general use pesticides labeled for agricultural or lawn and garden use with gross annual pesticide sales of greater than \$10,000 **AND** do not sell any other HHMs are not required to have a permit. Those with gross sales of pesticides of less than \$10,000 are required to obtain a permit.

Manufacturers or distributors that utilize independent contractors to sell person to person at a consumer's home may purchase one permit at a fee of \$25 for the first \$3 million in sales of household hazardous materials, plus \$100 for each subsequent increment of \$3 million in sales of HHM, up to a maximum of \$3,000. For example, a company that sells door to door with \$7 million in gross sales of HHM would owe \$125 (\$25 for the first \$3 million and \$100 for the second increment of \$3 million).

*The Iowa Waste Reduction Center can assist your small business.
Please contact the IWRC at 319-273-8905 for free, non-regulatory and confidential environmental assistance.*