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Procedure:

The Resource and Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) was enacted by Congress in 1976. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), “RCRA’s primary goals are to protect human health and the environment from the potential hazards of waste disposal, to conserve energy and natural resources, to reduce the amount of waste generated, and to ensure that wastes are managed in an environmentally sound manner. RCRA regulates the management of solid waste (e.g., garbage), hazardous waste, and underground storage tanks holding petroleum products or certain chemicals.” In light of state and federal requirements, the following shall be adhered to:

1. Under NO circumstances shall members of Loveland Fire Rescue Authority accept hazardous waste from a business, transportation company, private citizen, etc. Members who do so SHALL be held accountable under the appropriate City of Loveland Administrative Regulations.
 - a. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to dispose of any hazardous waste, including mercury and mercury thermometers that they may have on their property. Citizens shall be directed to contact the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Larimer County Landfill (498-5760). The Facility will accept household hazardous waste at no charge from homeowners. It is also the responsibility of the homeowner/property owner to properly dispose of any hazardous waste, orphan drums, chemicals, etc. that may have been illegally dumped on their property.
 - b. It is the responsibility of the business owner to properly dispose of any hazardous waste that they may have generated. Larimer County has available for small businesses the Business Hazardous Waste Assistance Program and Education (BHAPE). This is for small businesses that generate small amounts of hazardous waste. The program is by appointment only and

the County does charge a fee. If the business has a large amount of hazardous waste, the responsible party shall be directed to the Yellow Pages heading Environmental & Ecological Services to find a remediation company that will satisfy their need. It is also the responsibility of the business owner/property owner to properly dispose of any hazardous waste, orphan drums, chemicals, etc. that may have been illegally dumped on their property.

- c. It is the responsibility of a transportation company to contact a remediation company to cleanup any hazardous waste that they may have spilled, whether intentionally or by accident.
2. The City of Loveland has entered into agreements with three environmental/remediation contractors. Please see the attached memo dated 9 August 2001 from the City's Environmental Compliance Administrator for the name of the companies, their specialties and contact information. This memo has granted authority to individual Departments and Divisions to contact one of the contractors in the event of "...an urgent or time critical scenario." The memo states in full, "An urgent or time critical scenario is a situation that demands immediate response from a Consultant. Here are **some** examples of emergency or time critical scenarios: clandestine drug lab raid or clean up, large tanker spill that requires immediate attention because the spill threatens public health, safety, or the environment (i.e., rivers, streams, public property, private property, etc.), small or large spills of highly toxic chemicals, events where immediate response could prevent a catastrophic outcome...."
- a. LFR hazardous materials technicians should use all local resources, i.e. mutual aid teams, before recommending the response of a contractor for "an urgent or time critical scenario."
- b. In the event that it is necessary to have an environmental/remediation contractor respond for an "urgent or time critical scenario," the Hazardous Materials Group Supervisor shall make this recommendation to the Incident Commander. The Incident Commander shall notify the who shall have the authority and responsibility to notify the contractor following the appropriate procedures outlined in the attached memo for their response. The division chief's of operations and support shall also have the authority to notify a contractor for immediate response. Risk Management shall be notified at extension 2323 of the contractor response.

- c. For “non-urgent scenarios,” Risk Management shall be contacted at extension 2323. If Risk Management cannot be contacted, then the scene shall be secured and Risk Management shall be contacted at the earliest possible time.
 - d. The appropriate City of Loveland Administrative Regulations regarding Environmental Compliance shall be adhered to.
- 3. For any hazardous waste, orphan drums, chemicals, etc. that have been found on a state highway or right-of-way, please contact the Colorado Department of Transportation for disposition or Colorado State Patrol.
- 4. For any hazardous waste or hazardous incidents on city property, Risk Management must be notified immediately. 970-962-3314

Revision History

References:

City of Loveland memorandum dated 9 August 2001, Reminder – The City Has Environmental/Remediation Clean Up Contractors On Board

City of Loveland Administrative Regulation Environmental Compliance -Updated 11/2007

City of Loveland Solid Waste Management Procedure -Updated 1/6/2015