



NAHMMA

North American Hazardous Materials
Management Association

Professional Development Classes

Trainings are Comprehensive, Hands On, with 1-ON-1 Tailored Instruction

Stay up-to-date and learn from the best!

We offer exclusive, comprehensive professional development opportunities' to stay current and expand your knowledge, update your certifications, or get back to the basics. We have a limited schedule of trainings and classes, so sign up today for a great learning experience.

Tailored teaching and learning from colleagues in the field.

NAHMMA trainings are taught by seasoned professionals that bring a wealth of industry expertise and know-how to each training.

How do I sign up for Professional Development?

NAHMMA and it's Chapters offer training classes through out the year, including virtual, in-person, and hybrid offerings. Visit www.nahmma.org/events for a list of currently scheduled offerings. Looking to request a training? Reach out to us at training@nahmma.org.

How do I obtain CEUS for Courses?

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available via SWANA.

Please submit proof of registration (a registration confirmation or certificate of attendance or completion will suffice); training courses attended (must include the start and end times of each session); and any additional list of the sessions attended. SWANA will review each request and make a determination about CEU's. Please email the information to certification@swana.org.



Train On-Site in 2026:

The North American Hazardous Materials Management Associations Annual Conference is the premier gathering for industry professionals working to reduce and properly manage hazardous materials from entering municipal waste streams from households, small businesses, and other entities. The Annual Conference provides attendees with the opportunity to Network, Train, and Transform their careers and their organizations.

Join NAHMMA instructors and other professionals for a great week of cutting-edge information, learning, networking, and the latest in the world of HHW/VSQG best management practices.

**Nashville, TN Sheraton
October 11-15, 2026**

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HHW/VSQG Collection Operations 24-HR Training

This NAHMMA developed training provides required health and safety baseline training focused on common operations at HHW/VSQG collections facilities. It is designed to satisfy the 24-hr OSHA HAZWOPER health and safety training requirement, and much of the material is equally applicable to collection events. This course combines multi-media lecture and hands-on exercises. The course manual is the Household Hazardous Waste/VSQG Collection Operations textbook and is provided to each attendee. The course is a NAHMMA/SWANA cooperative effort and can lead to SWANA certification upon successful test completion. (Three 8-hours sessions)

ID of Unknowns

Unknown chemicals arrive at HHW sites every hour across North America. Come to this training to learn tried and true methods to simply and quickly identify the hazards of these unknown chemicals so you can ensure they are properly disposed of. This training includes using product labels and information to deduce hazardous properties and/or classification, discussion on various chemical testing methods, and hands-on practice with basic chemical testing techniques. (6-hour session)

DOT Hazmat Awareness

Dept. of Transportation (DOT) training is required every 3 years for anyone that has responsibilities with shipping hazardous materials. This course includes packing, labeling, and marking drums; buying labels; manifest signing and completion. This course will be presented to serve as either initial training or refresher. Come prepared to ask those tough questions about the Title 49 CFR. (4-hour session)

Chemistry for Non-Chemists

Build on your knowledge of what the hazards are for HHW products that enter your HHW program. Learn how to use practical references such as labels, SDSs, DOT charts, online databases and reference books to identify the chemical ingredients and properties in HHW products. This course provides information on basic chemistry related to HHW including the basic properties of chemicals, incompatibles, and classification of chemicals collected at HHW programs. Suggested attendees include hazardous waste managers and technicians, environmental health & safety inspectors and fire inspectors. (4-hour session)

Disaster Recovery & Debris Management for HHW Managers

This class provides HHW, Solid Waste, Emergency and other Environmental Managers with important planning, procedures, and resources found to be successful in managing hazardous wastes resulting from debris generating disasters. Attendees will learn about types of disaster-related debris and discuss debris management planning, contracting, and permitting concerns and tips. Issues related to regulatory compliance and FEMA eligibility will be detailed. (4-hour session)

Explosives & Highly Reactive Chemicals

This course provides information on a variety of explosives (detonators, bombs), shock sensitive and meth lab materials. Attendees will be shown examples of commercially available explosive materials and highly reactive and unstable chemicals. Additional details will be provided on unusually hazardous chemical compounds that are acute poisons via skin absorption and inhalation. This is an important training for all HHW collection program managers and staff to attend as well as business inspectors, especially those working with labs and schools. (3-hour session)

HHW Collection Facility Best Practices

Since the inception of HHW collection facilities in the mid-1980s, much has been discovered and learned regarding how to design facilities to enhance the efficiency and safety of HHW collection facility operations. This workshop will review selected key design features and concepts that have emerged as best practices. From protection of worker chemical exposure to planning for a facility size and specific design element, topics of discussion will include a wide range and participant questions and sharing will be encouraged. (4-hour session)

8-HR Hazwoper Refresher

Every year after the initial 24 or 40 hour HAZWOPER training requirement has been met, workers are required to take an 8-hour HAZWOPER refresher course. This refresher course is designed to meet the annual training requirement for household hazardous waste operations. (8-hour session)