

Save Mart Supermarkets WERCs Program for Potentially Hazardous Product

Save Mart Supermarkets maintains a comprehensive program to ensure the safe handling, storage and disposal of potentially hazardous product. An essential part of this program is the identification and proper classification of products that are deemed hazardous waste. Save Mart Supermarkets currently uses the third party WERCSmart solution to provide this essential information to our stores.

All products that contain chemicals, which are identified as potentially hazardous, must be registered with [The Wercs](#). This includes any products currently provided by your company, as well as any product provided in the future.

What types of product must be registered?

Following are examples of products that are considered potentially hazardous. This information is not exhaustive and there are many more products that may be considered hazardous according to federal and state regulations. Note that California regulations are much more stringent and apply to many more products than those of other states or regions.

Products that contain poisons and similar chemicals

This includes any product that is advertised or labeled to kill, repel, or prevent the growth of any living organism such as an insecticide spray or rodent bait. It also includes all pesticides and other products regulated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

Household products, cleaners, and detergents

This includes many products that contain a powder, gel, paste, liquid, or gas such as liquid and powder detergents, drain cleaners, and dish soap.

Products that are labeled with Drug Facts, Supplement Facts, or “active ingredients”

This includes products intended for human inhalation, consumption, or absorption; over the counter (OTC) pharmaceuticals; and many other health and beauty care products. For example:

- Pain relievers and antihistamines
- Cough, cold, and flu medicines
- All vitamins and supplements
- Toothpastes and mouthwash
- Contraceptive foams and spermicides
- Various cosmetics and skin treatments
- Hair color/hair bleach
- Shampoos, conditioners and styling gels
- Solid and liquid soaps
- Lip balms/creams and petroleum jelly

ALL aerosol products: Any product that contains a propellant or compressed gas, regardless of the type of product is considered potentially hazardous.

Food products including, but not limited to:

- Aerosol cheese food
- Aerosol icings
- Cooking/baking sprays
- Cooking oil

- Flavoring extracts (e.g., vanilla used for baking)
- Products, such as alcoholic beverages, that contain greater than 24% alcohol

Batteries and electronics

This includes batteries of any kind, any products that contain a battery, and any product that contains a circuit board (for example, a calculator or a product that blinks or makes sounds).

Fluorescent lamps, bulbs and tubes

- Fluorescent bulbs, tubes, and compact fluorescent lamps containing mercury
- Halogen lamps that are not certified lead-free
- High-Intensity Discharge (HID) lamps

Action Required: Suppliers with an existing WERCSmart account

If your current account includes all of the products you provide to Save Mart Supermarkets:

1. Log into your account on the [WERCSmart website](#). Click the button to “Forward Product Registration.”
2. Select Save Mart Supermarkets as the retailer to receive the data.
3. If products you sell to Save Mart Supermarkets are not yet registered, log on and click the button “New Product Registration.”
4. Select Save Mart Supermarkets as the retailer to receive the data.

Action Required: Suppliers without an existing WERCSmart Account

If you do not have a WERCSmart account, please [click here](#) to set up an account. Review the FAQ section and the Video Tutorial section for helpful information. If you have questions or would like additional support to set up your account, please contact the WERCs support team by way of the “Live Chat” button, which is available during normal Eastern Time business hours. You may also contact the support team by way of the “Support” ticketing system, which is available 24 hours.

Once your account is set up, you may enter the required product information into the WERCSmart portal. The WERCs will assess a registration fee for each product.

Confidentiality and Contact Information

Be assured that all proprietary information provided to The Wercs is kept confidential. Wercs will not share any proprietary information with Save Mart Supermarkets.

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate Customer Solutions Merchant or the Save Mart Supermarkets Environmental Health and Safety Department.