Empty Container Management Flowchart

START

Containers (≤ 110 gals.)
- Not constructed of wood, paper, cardboard, fabric, or any other type of absorbent material.

Is the container empty per CCR 66261.7(b)?

- Pourable: nothing can be poured when inverted; OR
- Non-pourable: using physical methods, excluding rinsing, everything is removed until only a thin uniform layer remains.

Has the container held an Acute (AHW) or Extremely Hazardous Waste (EHW)?

- AHW (not eligible if EHW also)
  - ≤ 500 lbs. or 55 gal./mo.
  - > 500 lbs. or 55 gal./mo.

Has the container been triple rinsed?

- Yes OR
- Has the container been crushed, shredded, grounded, punctured or rinsed?
  - HW Recycler
  - CESW

- No
  - HW Recycler
  - EHW is not eligible for treatment, discontinuing rinsing and manage as HW.

Has the rinsate been recycled onsite?

- Yes
  - HW Recycler
  - CESQ
  - PBR
  - Returned to Supplier

- No
  - HW Recycler
  - EHW is not eligible for treatment, discontinuing rinsing and manage as HW.

Has the rinsate been recycled onsite?

- Yes
  - HW Recycler
  - CESW
  - No Authorization Required

- No
  - HW Recycler

Has the container held an AHW or EHW?

- Yes
  - HW Recycler
  - Returned to Supplier

- No
  - HW Recycler

Has the container been crushed, shredded, grounded, punctured or rinsed?

- Yes OR
- Has the container held an AHW or EHW?
  - HW Recycler
  - Returned to Supplier

- No
  - HW Recycler

HW Recycler

Returned to Supplier

No Authorization Required

CESW

PBR

Hazardous Waste

Returned to Supplier

In order to retain the exemption, an empty container must be managed by one of the following methods:

1. For a container of 5 gallons or less in capacity, by disposing it at an appropriate solid waste facility.
2. By reclaiming its scrap value onsite/offsite.
3. By reconditioning/remanufacturing it onsite according to 49 CFR 173.28(c-d).
4. By shipping it to an intermediate location for accumulation prior to (1-3).