

WASTE MANAGEMENT GUIDE

Full SOP available at: <https://www.ehs.wvu.edu/chemical-waste/waste-management>

IS MY WASTE HAZARDOUS?

You must determine whether your waste has certain characteristics such as Ignitability, Corrosivity, Reactivity, or is Toxic.

Ignitable: If any contents have a Flash Point below 140 Fahrenheit (5.1 or 5.2 yellow label) OR if the waste tests positive using Potassium-Iodide Starch Paper. **Corrosive:** If total waste solution pH is either ≥ 12.5 or ≤ 2.0 **Reactive:** If waste is water reactive or produces gases. **Toxic:** (Decision template under development).

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Ignitable
 Corrosive
 Reactive
 Toxic
 Oxidizer (Ignitable)

Contains: _____

Glacial Acetic Acid

Date when full: ___/___/___

For Disposal: [ehs.wvu.edu](https://www.ehs.wvu.edu)

1. EHS will pick up unwanted chemicals and chemical wastes.
2. Chemicals must be compatible with the container.
3. Containers must be labeled with the words “**Hazardous Waste**” and list the **chemical name(s)**. Use the common or IUPAC name of each chemical (no formulas).
4. Mark all applicable hazard identifiers (i.e., Ignitable, Corrosive, Reactive, Toxic, Oxidizer)
5. Containers must always be kept **tightly** closed unless **actively** adding waste.
6. Containers should be no more than 95% full to allow for expansion.
7. Containers must have a screw cap closure or equivalent.
8. Only date container when it is **full**.
9. Submit the Hazardous Waste Disposal Form.

Form is available at www.ehs.wvu.edu Click on the “Chemical Waste” button.

SPECIAL WASTE

Special wastes are not regulated as hazardous waste. However, these wastes are not suitable for disposal via wastewater or with other solid waste trash. Examples of special wastes are Diesel Fuel, Ethylene and Propylene Glycols, Formalin, Ethidium Bromide Gels and solutions, Sharps with or without needles that were used for chemical transfers only.

LAB CLEAN OUT

A lab clean out is a service that can be utilized to assist you with the removal of old expired, unused, unwanted chemicals from your lab. A lab clean out is also highly recommended when you are preparing to retire, relocate, or complete research activities. Lab clean outs can be requested by submitting a Hazardous Waste Disposal Form and typing in the words “LAB CLEAN OUT” in the area you normally list chemicals.

QUESTIONS:

CONTACT YOUR CHEMICAL HYGIENE OFFICER (CHO), OR

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The above instructions apply to Satellite Accumulation of wastes only. If containers are not at the point of initial generation and under control of the operator, it is not Satellite Accumulation. You should contact EH&S for a different instruction guide.