



Environmental Services (ES) is proud to present the first issue of its quarterly newsletter. The ES Newsletter's intent is to provide specific and important information that will increase campus-wide environmental, health and safety awareness, maintain compliance in all areas and above all, promote and protect human health and the environment.

NEW WEBSITE

In addition to the Newsletter, ES has redesigned its website to include information regarding training, specific programs, safety policies, waste disposal information and other services provided by ES. Please check out the website at: <http://www.nyu.edu/environmental.services>. In the future, the Newsletter will only be offered on the website. To access this and other future newsletters, please go <http://www.nyu.edu/environmental.services/newsletter.shtml>.

ES would like to thank you for your continued efforts to maintain environmental, health and safety compliance at the University.

MOST COMMON EPA VIOLATIONS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has increased enforcement activities at colleges and universities nationwide. Many institutions have received citations that have resulted in large fines. Below are a few of the most commonly cited EPA violations at academic institutions:

- Unlabeled waste containers
- Improperly labeled waste containers (abbreviations)
- Old, unusable chemicals stored in laboratories
- Open waste containers
- Failure to provide and document initial hazardous waste training
- Waste moved to an unapproved storage area (waste must be kept in a "satellite accumulation area at or near the point of waste generation")

For more information go to: http://www.epa.gov/ne/assistance/univ/rcra_vio.html

It is required by EPA regulations that anyone who generates, handles, stores or disposes of hazardous waste attends hazardous waste training annually. Hazardous waste includes: chemical waste, paints, solvents, used fluorescent tubes, batteries and computers.

To obtain a hazardous waste training schedule, go to: <http://www.nyu.edu/environmental.services/training.shtml#hazwaste>

TRAINING

Training plays an important role in ES' efforts to create a safe environment for the university community, while maintaining regulatory compliance. Ensuring that everyone meets necessary training requirements is a cooperative effort.

Because work performed across campus varies, each department will have different training requirements based upon the types of hazards encountered in the workplace. ES has developed a table to assist New York University managers and principal investigators with the identification of environmental health and safety training requirements for personnel in their schools and departments. The table can be found at: <http://www.nyu.edu/environmental.services/pdfs/regguide.pdf>

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NEW WASTE ROOM HOURS

In order to help facilitate the waste removal in the Main Complex, ES has changed the waste room hours to:

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS FROM 2:15 TO 2:45PM

The new hours will only affect the Department laboratories located in the Brown, Silver and Waverly Buildings. Waste removal from all other locations and departments outside the Main Complex will still need to call ES to schedule a pickup. For those outside the Main Complex remember, if you need to schedule a pickup or if you would like to be placed on a monthly pickup schedule, please call our office at x81450. To obtain a pickup schedule, go to: <http://www.nyu.edu/environmental.services/pickups.shtml>

LABELING

Before bringing your waste to the waste room or scheduling a pick up, it will be essential that all waste tag/labels be filled out completely and legible.

Incomplete or illegible tag/labels will not be acceptable. Waste containers that contain mixtures need to have all constituents listed with no abbreviations and the percentages need to equal 100%.