

DEMOLITION/RENOVATION WASTE

DEMOLITION & RENOVATION waste is waste that is left behind prior to renovation or is produced due to renovation of an area that has the potential to be hazardous to human health or the environment.



MOST COMMON DEMOLITION & RENOVATION WASTES:

- ❑ **ABANDONED HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS** – Any chemicals still present in the labs must be removed as hazardous waste. Call Environmental Services for disposal.
- ❑ **ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIAL (ACM)** – Prior to any renovation work, all ACM must be removed by licensed asbestos abatement contractors. Examples of ACM are: pipe insulations, floor and ceiling tiles, bench tops, fume-hood linings, door insulation and window caulking. If ACM is suspected or encountered prior to or during renovation, **STOP WORK!** Call Environmental Services immediately.
- ❑ **PCB BALLASTS** – Older fluorescent light ballasts have small capacitors that contain high concentrations of PCBs (unless the words “Contains No PCBs” appears on the ballast). These items are disposed of as hazardous waste. Call Building Manager for collection and Environmental Services for disposal.
- ❑ **FLUORESCENT LIGHT TUBES** – These items contain mercury and sometimes lead and are found in most NYU Buildings. Examples of other tubes are: high intensity discharge (HID) lamps, mercury vapor lamps, high-pressure sodium tubes and neon tubes. Call Building Manager for collection and Environmental Services for disposal.
- ❑ **SINK TRAPS** – Prior to the removal of laboratory sink traps, call Environmental Services to do a hazard assessment.
- ❑ **THERMOSTATS** – Old thermostats can contain a mercury switch. It is possible that in some older buildings, mercury-containing thermostats are still being used. These thermostats are to be collected and disposed of as Universal Waste. Call Environmental Services for disposal.
- ❑ **ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** – Computer Monitors (CRTs) and CPUs contain lead and other heavy metals that are considered hazardous. Call Building Manager for collection and Environmental Services for pickup.
- ❑ **BATTERIES** – Contain a few types of heavy metals. Call Environmental Services.