

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Any chemical waste that meets the definition of a HAZARDOUS WASTE must be handled, stored and disposed in accordance with all applicable University, State and Federal environmental requirements.



It is extremely important to understand the criteria of a hazardous waste. If you answer “yes” to one or more of the following, then the waste is hazardous. If there is ever any question, please call Environmental Services.

DEFINITION OF A HAZARDOUS WASTE:



CORROSIVE – Can it burn skin or corrode steel (pH < 2 or > 12.5)?



REACTIVE – Does it react violently with water or can it become unstable?



FLAMMABLE – Does it have a flash point of less than 140 degrees F?



TOXIC – Is it dangerous to humans, animals or the environment?

STORAGE AND CONTAINERS:

- Containers shall be in good condition, non-leaking, and have lids that can be tightly sealed (lids must remain closed at all times except when adding waste).
- As soon as waste is placed in the container, an NYU Hazardous Waste Label must be affixed. The label must detail the exact contents of the container and the relative quantities, the hazards, and the PI name and location.
- Store incompatible wastes in separate containers and locations.
- To prevent/contain spills, store liquid chemicals on secondary containment such as plastic storage trays within the storage cabinets.
- Full waste containers from labs in the Main Complex shall be brought to Waste Room in Brown 1158, Wed. and Fri. 2:15 – 2:45 pm.
- If you are not located in the Main Complex, call Environmental Services.

REMEMBER:

- A hazardous waste label must be completed and affixed to container as soon as you begin to accumulate waste.
- For disposal outside Main Complex, call Environmental Services.