
The Waste-Paper

The Hazardous Waste Disposal Monthly Update

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Just Arriving?

Welcome to Princeton! If you are new to the University or are just staying for the spring, here are a few items we hope will be helpful to you. Environmental Health & Safety manages the hazardous waste program on campus. Chemical wastes are collected from Frick, E-Quad and Lewis Thomas Labs on the last Thursday of each month. However, waste should be brought down the day before according to your [department schedule](#).

Until that time, waste is managed in the lab. Here are a few requirements when generating hazardous waste:

- Waste containers must be labeled as soon as waste collection begins. EHS provides labels, which you should complete and affix to the container right away, or else you must write the words *Hazardous Waste* and the waste contents on the container.
- Waste containers should always be kept closed except during filling. Funnels should not be left in waste containers in anticipation of future fillings.
- Store away from floor drains or sinks or use secondary containment in case of spillage.
- Disposal of chemical waste down the sink is prohibited. Evaporation of solvents is also considered a prohibited means of disposal.

If you would like more information about waste disposal, please visit the [Waste section](#) of the [EHS web site](#). Don't forget – everyone working in a lab MUST attend Laboratory Safety Training provided by EHS. See the [Lab Safety](#) section of the EHS web site for more information.

Leaving so soon...?

Are you forgetting something? How about that bottle of epichlorohydrin you left under the lab bench? Or that distillation apparatus in the hood with the strange, pasty yellow liquid in the round-bottom flask?

The point is that you're not completely free until you've addressed the disposition of all of your leftover chemicals, whether you entrust them to another lab worker or you dispose of them as hazardous waste. Don't just leave a chemical behind, thinking that someone else knows what it is, how old it is, what it's used for, etc.

Call EHS at 8-5294 if you have any questions.

Before you go...

- go through your lab with your PI or another lab worker. Look at every chemical container and be sure that each is unambiguously labeled with the names of the chemical constituents.
- determine which chemicals are needed for future projects and which are not
- dispose of unneeded chemicals. If there are materials for disposal after January 29th, make arrangements for someone else to get rid of them at the next pickup.

If you have a whole lab's worth of chemicals to dispose of, we may be able to arrange a special pickup at a time removed from the regular monthly waste pickup.



**Next Waste Pickup
Thursday,
January 27, 2005**

Training Reminder

Just a reminder to those who are new to the University or who might be veterans, but have not received safety training:

All faculty, staff, students, and visiting researchers who work in laboratories are required to attend Laboratory Safety training. Laboratory workers must attend a general session given by EHS and receive additional, more specific training from their department and/or supervisor.

Regardless of previous training and experience, anyone planning to use radioactive materials, must complete initial radiation safety training before using radioactive materials. Initial radiation safety training is divided into two segments: A set of web-based Radiation Basics modules with an accompanying test (<http://web.princeton.edu/sites/ehs/osradtraining/coverpage.htm>) and a Radioactive Materials Safety Class

Participants must successfully pass the Radiation Basics Test before attending the Radioactive Materials Safety Class.

Check the EHS online training calendar <http://web.princeton.edu/sites/ehs/Training/calendar.htm> for dates and locations of upcoming training sessions.

Remember



... **White** carboys are for solvent **ONLY**.

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Use **blue** carboys for all other compatible liquid hazardous wastes (corrosive, toxic, etc.)

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