HOW TO LABEL CHEMICAL WASTE CONTAINERS

FOUR LITERS OR SMALLER
You do not need to add a label to the container prior to waste pickup by EH&S if all of the following are true:

- The chemical waste is in its original container.
- The container size is four liters or smaller.
- The original label is legible.

If the chemical waste is not in its original container, you will need to place a UW Hazardous Waste Label on the container before pickup by EH&S.

To print new hazardous waste labels, use Avery 5168, 3M 3100 or equivalent labels. Be sure to select “Actual Size” in the print options menu.

- Print four identical labels to label containers with the same chemical contents.
- Print four different labels to label containers with different chemical contents.

Don’t forget to fill in full percentages of all the constituents and indicate the primary hazard on the label (see example below).

Note: You may continue to use old UW Hazardous Waste Labels on chemical waste containers that are four liters or smaller in size.
LARGER THAN FOUR LITERS

Print and apply new UW Hazardous Waste Labels per the instructions above. If you are using the new UW Hazardous Waste Labels, no additional labels are needed.

Chemical waste containers larger than four liters with an old UW Hazardous Waste Label (see example below) must have a second label applied to comply with the new Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule in effect as of April 2019.

The second label must have the words “HAZARDOUS WASTE” and list the primary hazard. This label must be visible at 25 feet to satisfy the legal requirement. Download and print labels from the EH&S website for four primary hazards: FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE, TOXIC and REACTIVE (which includes oxidizers).

Example of an old UW Hazardous Waste Label

Example of a hazardous waste container larger than four liters with an old UW Hazardous Waste Label and a second label with “HAZARDOUS WASTE” and the primary hazard.

You can contact EH&S by phone at 206.616.5835 or e-mail at chmwaste@uw.edu and we will send labels to your campus mailbox.