

## 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.

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# HAZARDOUS WASTE

Building: Chemistry Room: BB 022  
Contact Name: Dr. Disposal  
Phone: (206) 555-1212 Email: disposal@uw.edu

Chemical Composition: %

Acetone	85
Toluene	15

PRIMARY HAZARD:

# FLAMMABLE

**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.

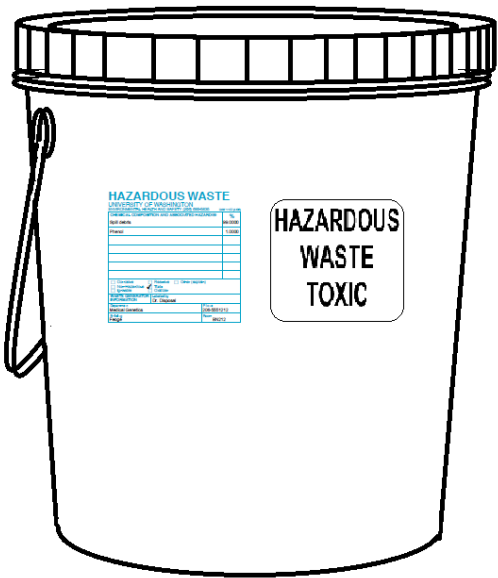
Chemical waste containers larger than four liters with an old UW Hazardous Waste Label (see example below) **must have a second label** applied to comply with the new [Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule](#) in effect as of April 2019.

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*

HAZARDOUS WASTE	
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (206) 685-5835 UOW 1157 (4/06)	
CHEMICAL COMPOSITION AND ASSOCIATED HAZARD(S)	%
Acetone	85.0000
Toluene	15.0000
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrosive <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hazardous <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ignitable <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidizer	
WASTE GENERATOR INFORMATION	
Department	Labeled by
Chemistry	Dr. Disposal
Phone	
555-1212	
Building	Room
Chemistry	BB 022

*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](mailto:chmwaste@uw.edu) and we will send labels to your campus mailbox.

