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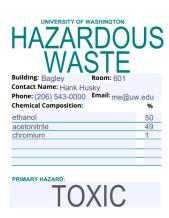
HOW TO LABEL CHEMICAL WASTE CONTAINERS

If the chemical waste is **not** in **its original container or the original label isn't legible**, you will need to place a <u>UW Hazardous Waste Label</u> on the container before pickup by UW Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S).

1. SELECT A LABEL

- Does each container have the same contents? Use the four identical labels template.
- Does each container have different contents? Use the <u>four different labels template</u>.

If you have **pharmaceutical waste**, use the <u>Hazardous Waste-Pharmaceuticals Labels</u>. If you have **batteries**, **lamps**, or **mercury**-containing items, use <u>Universal Waste Labels</u>.







2. GET LABELS

- Download waste container labels from the EH&S website; or
- Request pre-printed labels to be sent your campus mailbox by contacting EH&S at 206.616.5835 or chmwaste@uw.edu; or
- Get labels from <u>Biochemistry Stores</u> or <u>Chemistry Research Stockroom</u>.

3. COMPLETE THE LABEL

- 1. Add the generator's **name**, **department or unit**, and **phone number**.
- Add the **building name** and **room number** where the generator or the waste is located.On the Hazardous Waste Label only:
 - List the **full name of each component** and the **percentage** of total volume it occupies.
 - o Indicate the **primary hazard** (listed on the SDS or original container label).

On the Universal Waste Label only: Check the box to indicate the item.

Waste containers must be correctly labeled prior to collection by EH&S.



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HAZARD EVALUATION

If you are unsure whether your waste is hazardous, refer to the SDS(s) for the chemical(s) and review Chapter 3 of the <u>UW Laboratory Safety Manual</u>. If you are still unsure, please submit a <u>Waste Evaluation Request</u> on the EH&S website. EH&S staff will evaluate your waste stream and advise you on proper disposal.

UNKNOWN CONTENTS

If you are unable to identify the contents of a container, label the container with the words "**unknown hazardous waste**" and *select "Reactive" as the primary hazard*.

Please be careful to *not* obscure any markings on the original container, which may be useful in determining what was originally in the container. Best practice is to place the container in a clear bag and put the UW Hazardous Waste Label on the outside of the bag. Submit a <u>Chemical Waste Collection Request</u> and select "HAZ-CAT UNKNOWN CHEMICAL WASTE" in the Chemical Name field. There is a \$75 fee charged to the generator for each container that requires testing to identify its contents.

HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

Follow the <u>Chemical Waste Management Practices</u> and use the <u>Hazardous Waste Checklist</u> to conduct a self-audit to ensure you are compliant with all applicable rules and regulations.

WASTE TREATMENT, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL

The following options may be available to waste generators:

- 1. **Recycle** chemicals through MyChem.
- 2. <u>Treat</u> chemicals on site and dispose of them in the sewer.
- 3. Request a <u>chemical waste collection</u> to **dispose** of chemicals.

Visit the <u>Chemical Treatment and Recycling</u> webpage for chemical treatment options. If treating waste, you must have an approved procedure, document training, and keep an updated <u>Chemical Treatment Log</u>.

Visit the Chemical Waste webpage for information on requesting a one-time chemical waste pickup and setting up a routine (recurring) chemical waste pickup by EH&S.

OLDER HAZARDOUS WASTE LABELS

If you are using an older version of the UW Hazardous Waste Labels (shown to the right), please download new labels from the EH&S website or contact EH&S to request pre-printed labels.



