



Proper Laboratory Waste Disposal and Management Fact Sheet

1. All wastes must be evaluated for environmental hazards prior to disposal. Do not dispose of any waste you generate, including pharmaceuticals by evaporation, sewer or trash unless it was evaluated. When in doubt call Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) at 726-7273.
2. If you believe your waste is not hazardous and you would like to dispose of it through sewer or trash, you must request and obtain a [Permit to Trash or Sewer](#) prior to disposal.
3. Used chemical containers must be emptied and rinsed out prior to disposal through trash or recycling. All items and containers that were in contact with [P-listed](#) and/or [U-listed](#) waste are considered hazardous wastes even if empty, unless triple rinsed. The Rinse must be collected and disposed of as hazardous waste
4. Properly label all waste containers with [Yellow Hazardous Waste Labels](#), with description of waste content and other requested information. Labels can be obtained by calling 726-7273.
5. Collect waste chemicals in compatible containers. Do not mix waste from different experiments, and keep waste containers closed all the time when not filling them.
6. Do not mix incompatible wastes in the same containers, store waste containers on impermeable surfaces. Use secondary containment trays, U-Store # CX18998, CX18999.
7. If you store waste outside work area, you must inspect waste weekly, and [document inspection](#).
8. Post [Emergency Information /Telephone Numbers](#) by every telephone, also keep a copy the [Campus Emergency Information Booklet](#) by the phone.
9. Document [Waste Management Training](#) for all waste handling staff annually.



For more information consult the UMD Environmental Health and Safety Office
Website <http://www.d.umn.edu/ehso>
Document can be obtained from 726-7273 or at
http://www.d.umn.edu/ehso/waste_management/fact1.doc