

## Hazardous Waste Pickups



Waste disposal at UNCG is simple. A material is a “waste” at the moment you no longer want it. Pretty simple. For most departments the process goes as follows.

1. You deem the material you have as a “waste”.
2. Label all your containers with a completed UNCG Hazardous waste label.
3. Complete a [UNCG Chemical Waste Removal Form](#)
4. Mail or fax (334-4206) the form to EHS.
5. EHS will come get your chemical waste.

See? Pretty simple. If you ever have questions about this process, please do not hesitate to call us. We appreciate when people call us with questions. If you need Hazardous Waste Labels, give us a call, and we will get them to you. NEVER pour anything down the drain. This could be a violation of State and Federal law, and could also pose serious harm to the environment.

We are working on making Hazardous Waste Training available online. If your department, graduate students, or anyone else would like classroom format training on this topic, please call us and we’ll schedule a training session. If you want us to perform a lab cleanout, please call and schedule that in advance. If you have any material you feel poses an immediate danger to people, call us immediately at 334-4357.

All UNCG laboratories are managed as Hazardous Waste Satellite Accumulation Areas. The following are all the rules to managing your waste as in a Satellite Accumulation Area.

- (1) Store small amounts of hazardous waste in labs in designated areas. If a container holding hazardous waste is not in good condition, or if it begins to leak, the owner or operator must transfer the hazardous waste from this container to a container that is in good condition. Good condition means clean containers with no sign of spillage.
- (2) The laboratory manager must use a container made of a material that will not react with, or is otherwise compatible with the hazardous waste to be stored, so that the ability of the container to contain the waste is not impaired.
- (3) A container holding hazardous waste must always be sealed during storage, except when it is necessary to add or remove waste.
- (4) The amount of hazardous waste stored may never exceed storage quantities of 55 gallons of hazardous waste or 1 quart of acutely hazardous waste in a satellite accumulation storage area.
- (5) The laboratory manager must label the hazardous waste containers with a completed UNCG Hazardous Waste Label immediately when the first drop of waste is added to a container or when a material is considered a “waste”. No accumulation start date is necessary until the container is removed from the Satellite Accumulation Area by EHS, or the quantity limitation is exceeded. Inspect labels for deterioration and replace as necessary.
- (6) The operator must comply with the safe handling and storage requirements set forth in Section IV of this policy (Hazardous Waste Container Management).
  - Segregate incompatible waste (flammable, oxidizers, corrosives, etc.)
  - Do not store flammable waste near heat or flame
  - Do not store reactive waste near incompatible elements (ex: water reactive materials under sink)
  - Provide secondary containment for hazardous waste storage (a plastic bin large enough to contain the material if spilled)
  - Only store containers in hood if storage is the hoods only purpose
- (7) Label the area or cabinet with a label that reads “Hazardous Waste Satellite Accumulation Area”. Provide secondary containment for hazardous waste containers capable of holding amount being stored.