The 5 L’s of Hazardous Waste Collection

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- CoLLect
- Lable
- Lid
- Locate
- Leaks

CoLLect
- CoLLect all of your hazardous chemical wastes and submit a chemical pick-up request form to EH&RS for proper disposal. Please consult with EH&RS if you are unsure if your chemical waste is Hazardous Waste. http://www.ehrs.columbia.edu/ChemicalWastePickupForm.html
- Evaluate your chemical inventory periodically and coLLect chemicals for disposal that are unwanted, expired or have no intended use.
- DO NOT - Dispose of Hazardous Waste inappropriately or prior to determining its hazards. Hazardous Waste must not be poured down the drain.

Lable
- Affix a Hazardous Waste Lable to the container as soon as you start collecting waste.
- List all of the components of the waste on the Lable.
- DO NOT - Use chemical formulae or abbreviations on Hazardous Waste Lables.

Lid
- Keep Hazardous Waste containers closed at all times, except when actively adding or removing waste.
- Use a closeable Lid that will prevent the Hazardous Waste from spilling should the container be knocked over.
- DO NOT - Leave a funnel in a Hazardous Waste container.

Locate
- Locate Hazardous Waste containers at or near the point of the Hazardous Waste’s generation (a.k.a. Satellite Accumulation Area).
- DO NOT - Locate Hazardous Waste containers outside of the room in which the waste was generated.

Leaks
- Inspect Satellite Accumulation Areas weekly for Leaks.
• **DO NOT** - Allow Leaking containers to remain in Satellite Accumulation Areas. Contact EH&RS upon discovering the leak.

When a waste container is 90% full, submit a Chemical Waste Pick-up Request Form by visiting:  
http://www.ehrs.columbia.edu/ChemicalWastePickupForm.html

All containers and lab ware must be **EMPTY** prior to disposal!!!
If not empty, collect as hazardous waste.
If empty, rinse all empty containers and lab ware with tap water and dispose of as described below.

![Contact EH&RS (854-8749)](http://www.ehrs.columbia.edu/ChemicalWastePickupForm.html)

OR

http://www.ehrs.columbia.edu/ChemicalWastePickupForm.html:

★ To obtain appropriate hazardous waste labels
★ To request hazardous waste disposal
★ To obtain bulk waste collection containers, if generating large quantities of waste
★ With any questions regarding chemical waste