DO’S AND DON’TS FOR CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

DO’s

• **DO** determine if your waste is hazardous: Is it an **Ignitable**, **Corrosive**, **Reactive**, **Toxic** or a **Listed waste**?
• **DO** select a chemical waste accumulation area that is out of the way of normal activities easily identifiable and safely accessible.
• **DO** label each waste container with “Hazardous Waste” and the specific names of the waste constituents.
• **DO** store waste in compatible containers with an unbroken screw-top lid.
• **DO** keep containers of waste closed except when waste is being added to them.
• **DO** segregate halogenated and non-halogenated solvents.
• **DO** store all chemical waste within secondary containment can be a lab tray or a dishpan. It just needs to hold the contents of the largest container in case of breakage or accident. Provide secondary containment for incompatible materials.
• **DO** keep container exteriors free from contamination. Wipe down container if necessary.
• **DO** request a chemical waste pickup by calling Environmental Health & Safety at 8-8411.

DON’T

• **DO NOT** pour chemicals or solvents down the drain.
• **DO NOT** evaporate chemical wastes in a fume hood.
• **DO NOT** abandon chemicals in the laboratory.
• **DO NOT** mix various waste chemicals indiscriminately.
• **DO NOT** throw chemicals into trash containers until you determine if waste is non-hazardous.
• **DO NOT** accumulate chemical wastes for any extended period of time. A chemical waste disposal form should be completed when a container is 95% full. A container not yet full should not be held for more than 9 months.

Questions: Please contact the EH&S department at 8-8411.