

CHEMICAL WASTE TIPS

Why proper waste handling is important

Accurate waste tagging protects people and the environment, prevents cross-contamination in research, avoids costly cleanups, and streamlines pickups so labs stay clear and safe.

By setting a good example and working with EH&S for proper containers and labels, you help build a strong culture of safety that benefits everyone.

Tips to minimize delays

- **"Spot It!"** - Clearly identify location of where waste is stored. If the waste team can't find the container, it slows down pickups.
- **"One Tag, One Container!"** - Ensure every container has a separate WASTE tag. Tags are deleted from the queue after pickup, so repeated tag numbers won't be identified for pickup.
- **"Classify Waste, Ensure Pickup!"** - Correctly classify waste. The team needs to consider waste segregation and safety during pickups, so misclassified waste may be left if they cannot safely pack it with other waste. Beyond safety, misclassified waste also takes longer to process, reducing available time for pick ups.
- **"Don't Wait — Initiate!"** - If containers are full, request for pick up. Don't wait until 180 days storage limit.
- **"Click 'Ready for Pickup!'"** - Ensure waste is under "Containers Ready for Pick Up." If the container is not in the "ready for pick up" list, it **will not** show up for the waste team to take.
- **"Keep It Clean!"** - Maintain good housekeeping and ensure waste is properly segregated and labeled. The easier it is for the team to navigate your lab and identify waste materials, the faster they can work.



Tag and Bag them— We will take care of the rest. Protect Us All! Even tiny residues of hazardous materials pose big hazards for UCR and the Riverside community. Need Supplies? Contact EH&S for bags and containers.

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