Dental clinics generate a variety of wastes that are regulated as a hazardous waste by local, state, and federal laws. A waste is considered a hazardous waste if it contains substances or has properties that make it harmful to human health or the environment when improperly managed.

**Common Types Of Dental Clinic Hazardous Waste Include:**

- Filters From Mercury Containing Amalgam Separators
- Glutaraldehyde Disinfectants
- Scrap Lead Foil For Recycling
- Silver Containing X-Ray Photo Fixer
- Silver Containing X-Ray Photo Developer

For more information on how to determine if your waste is hazardous visit [http://www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/enviro/hwasteguidelines.html](http://www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/enviro/hwasteguidelines.html).

**Hazardous Chemical Waste Training:**

- All hazardous chemical waste generators must complete the Hazardous Waste Training class available online at [http://www.uclc.uci.edu/](http://www.uclc.uci.edu/).

**Hazardous Waste Labeling:**

- Hazardous waste labels are available online at [www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/enviro/](http://www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/enviro/).
- A hazardous waste label must be placed on a waste container upon the start of accumulation.
- Labels must be complete, legible, and permanent.

**Hazardous Waste Segregation:**

- All hazardous waste must be segregated to prevent incompatible mixtures.
- Segregation can be by hazard class. Hazard class examples include: Flammable, Oxidizer, Pyrophoric, Reactive, Reducer, Acid, Base, and Toxic.
- For more information on specific chemical incompatibility, consult a material safety data sheet (MSDS).

**Hazardous Waste Storage:**

- **Hazardous waste must be transferred to EH&S for disposal within 6 months of being generated.**
- Hazardous waste containers must be stored in secondary containment to adequately contain all of the contents of the container.
- Containers must be closed when not in use.
- Containers must be inspected weekly for signs of leaks, corrosion, or deterioration.

**Hazardous Waste Disposal:**

- Request a pickup online at [www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/enviro/](http://www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/enviro/).
- Fill out the “Chemical Waste Collection” form.
- EH&S will pick up your waste within 1-3 days.

*Do not dispose of chemicals by pouring them down the drain or placing them in the trash.*
*Do not use fume hoods to evaporate chemicals.*