Facilities maintenance generates 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 Facilities Maintenance Operations Hazardous Waste Include:

- Antifreeze
- Brake Fluid
- Diesel Fuel
- Drained Fuel Filters
- Drained Oil Filters
- Gasoline
- Hydraulic Oil
- Motor Oil
- Lubricants
- Oil Contaminated Absorbent
- Oil Contaminated Spill Pads
- Parts Washer Solution
- Solvent Based Adhesives
- Acetone
- Epoxy / Resin
- Lacquers
- Mineral Spirits
- Paint - Latex Based
- Paint - Oil Based
- Paint Thinners
- Spray Paint
- Stains
- Urethanes
- Pesticides

For more information on how to determine if your waste is hazardous visit 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/.

Hazardous Waste Labeling:

- Hazardous waste labels are available online at www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/enviro/.
- All hazardous waste must be labeled 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 that meets the quantity threshold of 55 gallons must be transferred to EH&S for disposal within 3 days.
- 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/.
- 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.