Empty Hazardous Chemical Container Flowchart

For a hazardous chemical container to be considered empty:

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Liquids</td>
<td>No liquid can drain from the container when tilted in any direction.</td>
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<td>Solids</td>
<td>The walls of the container must be scraped clean and cannot contain any adhered or encrusted materials. Solids include powder, sludge, grease, thick resin, crystals, etc.</td>
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<td>Aerosols</td>
<td>Must have the contents and pressure completely dispensed, the spray mechanism in place and functional.</td>
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Do not dispose of hazardous waste using sinks, drains, intentional evaporation, or as regular trash.

Follow the flowchart to appropriately manage your empty containers.

Did the container hold an **acutely or extremely** hazardous material?

- Yes: Dispose of the container as a hazardous chemical waste. Submit a [Text a Pickup](#) or [Chemical Waste Collection](#).

  ![Image](https://example.com/image)

- No

  Is the container greater than 5 gallons?

    - Yes

      ![Image](https://example.com/image)

    - No

      Is the container a full or partially full aerosol spray can?

        - Yes

          ![Image](https://example.com/image)

        - No

          Is the container a lecture bottle or a non-refillable cylinder?

            - Yes

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            - No

              Cross out the chemical name and any hazard warnings with a permanent marker, write the word “EMPTY” on the container and dispose of the container in the trash.

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