Facilities and Housing Maintenance
Hazardous Waste Guidelines

Facilities and housing 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.

Signal words to look for on the label are DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, POISON, TOXIC, COMBUSTIBLE, FLAMMABLE, OXIDIZER, or CORROSIVE.

Common types of hazardous waste include:

- Ammonia
- Acetone
- Adhesives, Glues
- Aerosol Cans
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- Bleach
- Carpet Cleaner
- Cleaners, Degreasers
- Diesel
- Disinfectants
- Drain Opener
- Epoxy
- Fertilizer
- Fluorescent Lights
- Gasoline
- Lubricants
- Mineral Spirits
- Motor Oil and Filters
- Oily Absorbent
- Paint
- Paint Thinners
- Parts Washer Solution
- Pesticides
- Spray Paint
- Stains
- Stripners
- Mineral Spirits
- Aerial Cans
- Batteries
- Epoxy
- Oil Absorbent
- Strippers
- Unknown Substances

For more information on how to determine if your waste is hazardous visit www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/enviro/.

Hazardous Chemical Waste Training

- All employees that work with hazardous chemical waste must complete the Hazardous Waste Training class available online www.uclc.uci.edu/.

Hazardous Waste Labeling

- Hazardous waste labels are available online 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, Acid, Base, and Toxic.
- For more information on specific chemical incompatibility, consult a safety data sheet (SDS).

Hazardous Waste Storage

- Hazardous waste must be transferred to EH&S for disposal within 6 months of being generated.
- Greater than 55 gallons of hazardous waste requires transfer to EH&S for disposal within 3 days.
- Hazardous waste containers must be stored in secondary containment.
- Containers must be closed when not in use.

Hazardous Waste Inspection

- Hazardous waste containers must be inspected weekly for signs of leaks, corrosion, or deterioration.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

- Request a pickup online www.ehs.uci.edu or call EH&S (949) 824-6200.

DO NOT DISPOSE OF CHEMICALS BY EVAPORATION, POURING DOWN THE DRAIN OR PLACING IN THE TRASH.