

Hazardous Chemical Waste Accumulation Area

Steps for Hazardous Waste Removal:

- Containerize all waste in a sealed, compatible container.
- Label all waste containers with chemical waste tags provided by VEHS as soon as waste accumulation begins.
- Request collection by using electronic collection request form via VEHS website: <https://www.vumc.org/safety/waste/chemical-waste-collection>

Hazardous Waste Storage

- Store all hazardous chemical wastes with secondary containment.
- Segregate incompatible wastes (i.e., acids from bases and organics from oxidizers).
- Keep waste containers closed at all times waste is not being added.
- Cleanup spills when they happen or contact VEHS for assistance.
- Ensure all personnel understand proper waste handling procedures and have received appropriate training.

NEVER

- Never leave waste containers unlabeled.
- Never dispose of chemicals in sink or trash.
- Never use evaporation or dilution of chemicals as a disposal method.
- Never accumulate more than 55 gallons of hazardous waste.
- Never accumulate more than 1 quart of acute hazardous waste (P- and F-listed hazardous wastes on VEHS website).

Hazardous Waste Minimization

- ✓ Check the Chemical Redistribution Program before purchasing new chemicals (VEHS website).
- ✓ Audit chemical supplies regularly and use inventory controls.
- ✓ Use less hazardous and smaller amounts of chemicals whenever possible.
- ✓ Purchase **only** the quantity of chemicals required for specific projects.

Contact Vanderbilt Environmental Health and Safety (VEHS) with any questions:
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