

Waste Guidelines for Project Generated Waste

The Department of Environment Health and Safety (EHS) handles all Cornell-owned hazardous waste, depending on quantity. If the quantity is too large, EHS will coordinate disposal through an external vendor.

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DESIGN PHASE

Building clean out: remove all chemical waste, radiological waste, and regulated medical waste. Facilitated by the building coordinator and EHS.

Asbestos Survey: Is asbestos present? If yes, contact EHS Industrial Hygiene unit for assistance.

Hazardous Material Survey: Lead, PCBs, and Radiation, conducted by consultants.



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PRE-CONSTRUCTION

Kick-Off Essentials

Contractor Waste Material Disposal Form: complete the form and submit to EHS for approval.

Hazardous Waste Plan: if hazardous waste is present, develop a disposal plan and cost estimation with EHS.



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WASTE STREAMS

Universal Waste: intact mercury thermometers, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, light ballasts (non PCBs), glycol, used oil.
Managed by * R5 Recycling or by the contractor.

Hazardous Waste: chemical solvents, contaminated oil, mercury contaminated sink traps, broken mercury devices, PCBs, lead based paint, broken fluorescent bulbs, smoke detectors with radioactive isotopes. **Managed by * EHS.**

Waste Containers for these are available upon request.

DOL (non-RCRA) Regulated Waste: asbestos is managed by the abatement contractor.



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SPILL CONTROL

Type of Spills: gas, hydraulic oil, diesel, antifreeze, asbestos (1 lb or more), chemicals or suspect unknown materials.

Action: call CUPD to dispatch Cornell EHS emergency services at 607-255-1111.



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