

GuideSheet Hazardous Waste Labeling

A ll hazardous waste containers in USC laboratories must be appropriately labeled per CAL/EPA requirements. Specific information such as owner/generator, waste type, location, etc. must be recorded onto an EPA-compliant self-adhesive label or wire tag and must be legible.

HOW AND WHEN DO I LABEL WASTE CONTAINERS?

Place an adhesive waste label (see below) or tie tag as soon as the first amount of waste is transferred to it. Record pertinent information on the label or tie tag.

HOW LONG CAN I ACCUMULATE WASTE IN THE LAB?

Hazardous waste may not be accumulated for more than **270 days/9 months** per CAL/EPA regulations.

INSTRUCTIONS/KEY for Waste Label

HAZARDOUS WASTE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
AT UPC, CALL 213-740-7215 FOR PICKUP
AT HSC, CALL 323-442-2225 FOR PICKUP

A ACCUMULATION START DATE _____
B WASTE YARD START DATE _____
CONTENTS (COMMON NAME) _____

PHYSICAL STATE LIQUID SOLID GAS **C**

HAZARD CATEGORY

IGNITABLE CORROSIVE TOXIC REACTIVE

D GENERATOR _____ **E**

F LOCATION _____ **G** PHONE _____

HANDLE WITH CARE!
CONTAINS HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC WASTES

A **Accumulation start date.** Record date waste was first placed in the container. NOTE: Container MUST BE removed from the accumulation point within nine months by EH&S.

B **Contents.** Record all chemical constituents included in each waste container. Do not use abbreviations, chemical formulas, or structures.

C **Physical state.** Check the box for solid, liquid, or gas.

D **Hazard category.** Check the box(es) to categorize the waste: ignitable (flammable/combustible); corrosive (acidic, basic); toxic; and/or reactive (e.g., oxidizer, unstable, etc.).

E **Generator.** Record the name of the research group responsible for the contents and oversight of the waste container. Include department name as well.

What I need to know...

- ✓ Remove or deface all information on an old container label.
- ✓ Do not commingle incompatible chemicals. Do not commingle solids and liquids.
- ✓ **DO NOT** fill waste containers over 80% capacity. Request a pick-up when containers reach 80% and/or before 270 days/9 months.
- ✓ Request a hazmat pick-up or waste labels via [EHSA](#) or (323) 442-2200.

F **Location.** Write the name of the location (laboratory room, storage room, etc.) where the waste was generated. NOTE: **Transport of waste from one location to another is strictly prohibited.**

G **Phone.** Include a phone number(s) of the laboratory (or individual) responsible for the waste. EH&S needs this information in the event it has questions regarding the hazardous waste.

Responsible parties handling waste must:

- Wear appropriate PPE.
- Segregate waste streams and clean up small spills.
- Install vented caps (e.g., [Circumvent™](#), [Nalgene funnel](#)) on containers. Remove funnels and keep containers capped between use.
- Store waste containers in [secondary containment](#) and ensure incompatible wastes are stored separately.



REFERENCES

Email hazmat@usc.edu or labsafety@usc.edu for more information. DTSC: [Hazardous Waste Generator Requirements](#)