UOW WHS Unit

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL FLOWCHART

Remember that you are dealing with contaminated/hazardous waste and that appropriate work practices and personal protective equipment must be used e.g. gloves.

- Radioactive waste is managed according to the Radioactive Waste Disposal Guidelines (radioactive waste remains in the University Radioactive Waste Store until decayed and ready for disposal; it is then treated as hazardous waste).
- Biological waste is managed according to the Biosafety Manual.
- Sharps/glass are managed according to the Working with Sharps Guidelines and treated as per the primary hazard.
- Security Sensitive substances should be managed according to the Dangerous Goods Storage and Handling Guidelines.

Waste that is classified with more than one hazard must be managed as per the primary hazard.

More information is available on the Waste Disposal internet page.

Contact Environmental Services via the facility management service centre on fm-service-centre@uow.edu.au or ext 3217 for disposal of the following as they are NOT accepted into the hazardous waste store:

- quantities in excess of 200L or 200kg,
- containers greater than 5L,
- high or extreme risk contaminated/hazardous waste,
- Dangerous Goods of Class 1, 2, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2 and 7.

For further information contact your local Hazardous Waste Contact.

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Waste placed in appropriate waste disposal packaging. Refer to SDS for information on disposal.

Who: By waste generator  
When: Immediately or prior to disposal  
Where: Within Unit

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Waste labelled with all hazards. Waste labels can be ordered using the Hazardous Waste Label Order Form.

Who: By waste generator  
When: Immediately or prior to disposal  
Where: Within Unit

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Chemically Contaminated Laboratory Waste

Yellow base/orange lid bin taken to secure waste compound for collection.

Who: Technical Officer  
When: When full  
Where: Within Unit

Waste is collected by Waste Contractor

END
Waste taken to hazardous waste store & recorded on the Waste Tracking Log.

Segregate according to DG class and compatibility.

Who: Unit waste representative or waste generator
When: Every 2nd Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00am (refer to schedule)
Where: Western end of Building 15, GS6 Hazardous Waste store - main campus.

For other campuses call Environmental Services.

Waste will be accepted into the hazardous waste store if it is:
- Class 3, 4.1, 6.1, 8 or 9 and compatible with items currently in the hazardous waste store,
- labelled with ALL hazards and packaged appropriately, and
- Waste Tracking Log is complete.

Waste Tracking Log provided to waste attendant (waste generator to keep copy)

Who: Unit waste contact or waste generator
When: With waste to be placed in store
Where: Hazardous waste store

Check that waste container is labelled and count number of received items. Ensure Waste Tracking Log includes all items.

Who: Waste attendant
When: With waste to be placed in store
Where: Hazardous waste store

Waste Tracking Log provided to waste contractor.

Who: Environmental Services
When: Before waste removed from store by waste contractor
Where: Hazardous waste store

Waste contractor contacts Environmental Services and confirms arrival on-site.

Who: Environmental Services
When: Every 2nd Thursday morning (refer to schedule)
Where: Building 31

Access provided to waste contractor to hazardous waste store is provided by Environmental Services. Waste contractor collects waste from user locations if required (charges may apply).

Waste tracking guidelines set down by EPA complied with by waste contractor.

Verification of waste collection.

Who: Environmental Services
When: Once waste contractor invoices according to collection.