Occupational Safety, Health and Environmental Protection (AGU)

Guide to hazardous waste disposal

Universität Konstanz



Hazardous waste team

Please think ahead about how waste can be avoided!

Information on <u>making appointments</u> and the <u>drop-off location</u> as well as detailed information on the individual types of waste can be found on the <u>hazardous waste websites</u>

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Solvent mixtures

- Collect halogen-containing and halogen-free solvent mixtures separately
- Collection containers: 5-litre plastic canisters (issued during hazardous waste collection)
- Accompanying document: "Gefährliche Abfälle flüssig" (liquid hazardous waste)
- Content: single-phase and without solid components

Aqueous laboratory waste

- Collection containers: 5-litre plastic canisters (issued during hazardous waste collection)
- Accompanying document: "Gefährliche Abfälle flüssig" (liquid hazardous waste)
- · Content: single-phase and without solid components
- Adjust pH to 5 9 and report in the accompanying document
- Quantitatively precipitate solutions containing heavy metals, dry them, and dispose of them as absorbents
- Classify aqueous dilutions/mixtures according to <u>training material</u> (in German)

KOH/isopropanol mixture

- Collection containers: 5-litre plastic canisters (issued during hazardous waste collection)
- Accompanying document: "Gefährliche Abfälle flüssig" (liquid hazardous waste)
- Tick "Säure/Lauge" (acid/lye) in the accompanying document; indicate KOH + isopropanol as ingredients

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Waste oils and grinding emulsions

- The following types of waste must be collected separately:
 - 1. Cooling lubricants and grinding emulsions
 - 2. Mineral oil and synthetic oil, halogen-free
 - 3. Used oil containing halogens
 - 4. Oil and water mixture
 - 5. Grease
 - 6. Silicone oil
- Appropriately mark oil-filled devices and equipment (label with trade name and manufacturer)
- Collection containers: original containers if possible; otherwise please contact Andreas Keller or Michaela Stemmler
- Accompanying document: "Gefährliche Abfälle flüssig" (liquid hazardous waste)
- Indicate trade name and manufacturer on the accompanying document

Solid hazardous waste

- The following types of waste must be collected separately:
 - 1. Contaminated absorbent materials
 - 2. Contaminated cleaning and wiping cloths
 - Contaminated plastic waste (clean the chemical containers and dispose of them in room M541 "Auspackraum")
 - 4. Laboratory glassware and contaminated white glass
 - 5. Brown chemical bottles
- Collection containers: Plastic bins (issued during hazardous waste collection)
- · Accompanying document not required
- Numbers 1 3: Dispose of non-contaminated waste not as hazardous waste but in room M541
- Number 1: For dust-forming absorbent materials (e.g. silica gel), use additional paper bags or transparent plastic bags
- Number 5: Drop off brown chemical bottles only if they are cleaned, dried and without lids
- Dispose of oil-contaminated materials (gloves, hoses, rags, paper) with the corresponding waste types

Chemical waste

- Drop-off chemical waste only by prior arrangement and appointment
- Only dispose of such containers as used chemicals that do not belong to any established waste group (e.g. solvents)
- Containers of chemical mixtures must be properly and legibly labelled
- Copy DaMaRIS entries of the chemicals to be disposed of into virtual DaMaRIS disposal room
- Accompanying document: DaMaRIS printout
- Coordinate further steps with Michaela Stemmler

Waste that cannot be accepted by the hazardous waste team

<u>Radioactive substances</u> → Norbert Kunze, radiation safety coordinator (phone extension: 2007)

Gas cylinders
→ Gas storage "Gaslager" (phone extension: 2276 or 2235)

Cured paints, varnishes, adhesives → Residual waste

Packaging glass (soft glass)
 Cleaned plastic containers
 → room M541 "Auspackraum"

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Other hazardous waste

- Hazardous waste that cannot be assigned to any of the above-mentioned established waste groups usually
 requires individual consideration. In these cases, please contact the hazardous waste team by phone or
 email in due time to clarify the correct disposal <u>before</u> the drop-off date.
- Please pass on the following information to the hazardous waste team:
 - Composition (ingredients with concentration information)
 - Total quantity
 - Safety data sheets of the components
 - If necessary, a photo of the waste container
- Please do not let these wastes accumulate in excessive quantities, as this would make any necessary pretreatment and disposal more difficult.

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