

Common Waste Disposal Streams

FIU's Environmental Health & Safety Department outlines methods of disposal for common waste. Contact EH&S with any questions or concerns before disposing any waste into the trash, sink, or drains at ehs@fiu.edu. Review the EH&S Environmental Compliance [Hazardous Waste Program Webpage](#).

Hazardous Waste

The following are considered Hazardous Waste and must abide by the [Hazardous Waste Management Plan](#):

- Oil, Used or Expired
- Paint, Oil-Based or Latex-Based
- Chemical Waste/Chemical Byproduct
- Concentrated or Diluted Solutions
- Expired Chemicals
- Extremely Hazardous Substances (outlined here [40 CFR Part 355 Appendix A](#))

Hazardous Waste must be labeled as such (request labels [here](#)), stored in a Satellite Accumulation Area(SAA) (see the [SAA requirements](#)), collected in the compatible containers (see [SAA Container Selection Section](#)), and segregated by compatibility (see [SAA Waste Segregation Requirements Section](#)).

Request EH&S to pick up hazardous waste [here](#) or by scanning the QR code >>>



Scan to request a
Hazardous Waste Pickup

Solid Hazardous Waste

Solid Waste, Grease Rags, and Solvent Wipes must be collected in a solid hazardous waste bin and disposed of through the EH&S Hazardous Waste Program. Scan the QR code to request a pick-up. For more information, see the Solvent Waste Management Quick Reference Guide [here](#).

Biomedical or Biological Waste

The [Biomedical Waste Plan](#) outlines how to manage solid or liquid biological waste, including infections and noninfectious material, including items or materials that have come in contact with biological materials (e.g., gloves, needles, fabrics). Request a Biomedical Waste Disposal [here](#).

Universal Waste

Batteries, Lamps, Light bulbs, and Mercury-Containing Devices are considered Universal Waste and must be collected, [labeled "Universal Waste,"](#) and disposed of through FIU's Facilities Management Department (FMD). Review the methods of disposal [here](#).

Other Items/Materials

Compressed Gas Cylinders – If a compressed gas cylinder is not exchanged or picked up by the manufacturer or one of the FIU-approved gas vendors, request a pick-up with EH&S by scanning the QR code.

New/ Unused/Non-expired Chemicals – EH&S will accept new, unused, and non-expired chemicals; contact EH&S through the primary email account: ehs@fiu.edu

Mystery/Inherited Chemicals – EH&S can dispose of unknown or inherited chemicals; request a hazardous waste pick up by scanning the QR code.

Empty Containers

Review the [Empty Container Management Quick Reference Guide](#) for information on how to dispose of empty containers. If the container held P/U listed waste, it must be disposed of as hazardous waste; request a pick-up by scanning the QR code.

Unwanted Supplies

To surplus an item (e.g., office furniture, equipment, computers), submit a request through FIU's [Office of the Controllers](#). Procurement Services DOES NOT pick up items abandoned in the hallway.