1. Empty the Container

**Liquid Containers**
- Ensure \( \leq 1" \) of liquid remains in container
- Remove lid and place container in well ventilated area (i.e. fume hood) until no liquid remains
- If container held P/U listed waste, it must be disposed of as hazardous waste

**Solid Containers**
- Scrape the interior clean so no buildup remains
- Examples: powders, resins, sludges, greases
- Do not rinse clean; rinsate may be considered hazardous waste

**Gas Cylinders**
- Use contents until pressure in cylinder reaches atmospheric pressure
- Do not release unused gas into ambient air
- Contact EHS via *Waste Pickup Request* for gas cylinder disposal

2. Deface the Label

- Cover *all* label information with a large, dark, permanent marker
- It must be obvious that the container no longer holds the original manufacturer’s contents
- Mark clearly with “Uncontaminated Empty Container”

3. Dispose of the Container

- For solids and liquids: glass, plastic, and metal containers can be disposed of in the proper recycling stream or the regular trash
- For gas cylinders: Contact EHS via *Waste Pickup Request* for disposal

4. Reuse of Containers for Hazardous Waste Storage

- Plastic and glass containers may be used for hazardous waste storage
- Labels must be defaced
- Do not mark with “Uncontaminated Empty Container”; instead place a yellow Hazardous Waste sticker on container describing contents
- Containers that held P/U listed waste or pesticides may not be used