

Hazardous Waste Management

Introduction

Employees who generate, handle, store, transport or dispose of hazardous wastes are responsible for following the guidelines and procedures set forth in the university's Hazardous Waste Management Program.

Related Regulations

George Washington University provides a framework for safe, efficient and environmentally sound hazardous waste management in compliance with the 1976 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, the D.C. Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1977, the District of Columbia's Municipal Regulations (20 DCMR Chapters 40-54), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations (40 CFR 260-273), and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984. Regulatory requirements, as well as environmental protection and escalating disposal costs, underline the importance of waste generators doing their part to properly manage wastes at the University.

Who is Impacted

- Faculty
- Staff
- Students

Overview

Responsibility for compliance with hazardous waste regulations begins with the person generating the waste material, and follows through to disposal. The university's Hazardous Waste Management Program provides the complete and specific procedures and framework for compliance with regulatory requirements regarding hazardous waste determinations, labeling and container management, hazardous waste storage areas, contingency planning, and employee training. The Hazardous Waste Management Plan also provides definitions of roles and responsibilities.

Chemical Hygiene Officer Responsibilities

Each university department that generates hazardous waste must designate an individual as the Chemical Hygiene Officer (CHO). CHOs are responsible for departmental compliance with hazardous waste regulations, and for implementing the Hazardous Waste Management Program in their department. CHOs must attend annual Laboratory Safety Training. CHOs are to establish waste storage areas in their department with the assistance of Environmental Health & Safety.

CHOs are to submit FixIt requests at <https://fixit.assetworks.io/ready> no later than 60 days after the accumulation start date. Hazardous waste must be removed from all campuses in a timely manner, not

to exceed their respective timeframes from the accumulation start date. Environmental Health & Safety will not remove any material that is not clearly labeled as hazardous waste and does not have the exact contents identified as part of the label. Contractors and Project Managers are responsible for removing all unused hazardous chemicals, substances, or materials from construction project areas.

Related Information

Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980

D.C. Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1977

District of Columbia's Municipal Regulations (20 DCMR Chapters 40-54)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations (40 CFR Parts 260-273)

Chemical Hygiene Plan

Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984

Hazardous Waste Management Program (Under Review)

1976 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

Last Reviewed Date: Currently being reviewed