

# Waste Guidelines for Project Generated Waste

The Department of Environment Health and Safety (EHS) handles all Cornell-owned hazardous waste, depending on quantity. If the quantity is too large, EHS will coordinate disposal through an external vendor.

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## DESIGN PHASE

**Building clean out:** remove all chemical waste, radiological waste, and regulated medical waste. Facilitated by the building coordinator and EHS.

**Asbestos Survey:** Is asbestos present? If yes, contact EHS Industrial Hygiene unit for assistance.

**Hazardous Material Survey:** Lead, PCBs, and Radiation, conducted by consultants.



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## PRE-CONSTRUCTION

### Kick-Off Essentials

Contractor Waste Material Disposal Form: complete the form and submit to EHS for approval.

**Hazardous Waste Plan:** if hazardous waste is present, develop a disposal plan and cost estimation with EHS.



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## WASTE STREAMS

**Universal Waste:** intact mercury thermometers, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, light ballasts (non PCBs), glycol, used oil.

**Managed by \* R5 Recycling or by the contractor.**

**Hazardous Waste:** chemical solvents, contaminated oil, mercury contaminated sink traps, broken mercury devices, PCBs, lead based paint, broken fluorescent bulbs, smoke detectors with radioactive isotopes. **Managed by \* EHS.**

Waste Containers for these are available upon request.

**DOL (non-RCRA) Regulated Waste:** asbestos is managed by the abatement contractor.



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## SPILL CONTROL

**Type of Spills:** gas, hydraulic oil, diesel, antifreeze, asbestos (1 lb or more), chemicals or suspect unknown materials.

**Action:** call CUPD to dispatch Cornell EHS emergency services at 607-255-1111.



### Questions?

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