

# The Fundament-L's of Hazardous Waste Management

### **Collect**

- CoLLect all Hazardous Chemical Waste in designated containers and submit a chemical waste pick-up request form; see link at the bottom of page.
- Co**LL**ect all unwanted and expired chemicals in the laboratory for disposal, periodically.
- NEVER dispose Hazardous Waste down the drain.







Stained sink due to No Drain Disposal drain disposal

Waste collection in containers

## Lid

- Keep a closed, tight-fitting Lid on Hazardous Waste containers at all times, except when actively adding or removing waste.
- NEVER leave an open funnel in a Hazardous Waste container.



with closed lid



Open container with loose hose

Specialty cap for HPLC waste

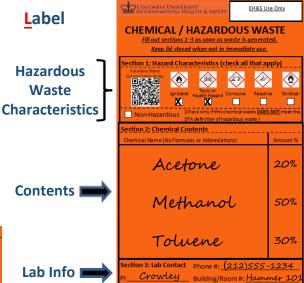
## Leaks

- Inspect Hazardous Waste containers regularly for Leaks.
- NEVER allow Leaking containers to remain in laboratory. Contact EH&S upon discovering a leak.

### Locate

- Locate Hazardous Waste containers at or near the point of the Hazardous Waste's generation
- NEVER move Hazardous Waste containers outside of the room in which the waste was generated.
- Label the container as soon as you start collecting waste by affixing a completed Chemical/Hazardous Waste label.
- List all of the Waste components on the Label in the contents section.
- NEVER use chemical formulas or abbreviations on Hazardous Waste Labels.
- Indicate chemical hazard(s) characteristics of all chemical components by checking all appropriate boxes.





Labeling requirements are mandated by EPA and failure to properly label containers will result in EH&S's inability to accept the waste for disposal.

When a waste container is 90% full or not being used, submit a Chemical Waste Pick-up Request Form by visiting: https://research.columbia.edu/chemical-waste-pick-up-request