

GRADUATE SCULPTURE CHEMICAL WASTE Q & A

Q: What should you collect in 1 gallon and 5 gallon plastic containers provided by EHS?

A: Solvents and paints ONLY.

Q: What should you do when a 1 gallon plastic container becomes full?

A: Leave the container in the room. Obtain another 1 gallon plastic container from Kris Mandelbaum and compliantly label the container.

Q: Is it okay to leave unwanted, unused solvents in their original container?

A: Yes, as long as the container has a screw-on cap and does not leak when it is inverted.

Q: What should you collect in red step cans?

A: Materials that have come in contact with solvents, paints or any type of oil.

Note: Make sure there is a plastic bag inside the red step can before you place any materials in the container. If you need plastic bags, see Kris Mandelbaum.

Note: If any rags have come in contact with **linseed** oil, wet the rags with water before placing them in the step can.

Q: What should you do when a red step can becomes full?

A: Pull out the bag, tape or tie the bag closed, attach a completed "Hazardous Waste" tag to the bag, leave the full bag on the floor near the step can, and place a new bag in the step can. If you need plastic bags, see Kris Mandelbaum.

Q: What should you do with unwanted aerosol cans?

A: Empty aerosol cans should be placed in the regular trash. Non-empty aerosol cans should be placed in the brown, fiberboard drum in the spray booth room.

Q: What should you do with other unwanted chemical containers (cans of paint/stain, etc...)?

A: Label each container as "Hazardous Waste" using the Hazardous Waste tags provided by EHS or by writing these words on the container; circle the chemical contents of the container, which can be found on the container's original label; ensure each container is closed; and place the containers in the blue tray in your studio (if generated in your studio) or in the gray tray in the spray booth room (if generated in the spray booth room). If the containers will not fit in the tray, place them on the floor beside the tray.

Q: What should you do with empty chemical containers?

A: Rinse empty containers, except oil based paint containers and oil containers, three times with water; pour the rinsewater down the closest drain inside the building; remove the labels from the containers or cross out the information on the labels; and throw the containers in the regular trash. Please do not place any empty containers in the step cans.

Note: Glass containers are to be placed in a cardboard box and the box taped closed for disposal in the regular trash.

Q: How can you get chemical waste containers removed?

A: EAS staff will monitor the SAAs in the building and remove all full containers on a regular basis. If you need containers removed before EAS staff arrives, call or email JoAnn Farrell (203-432-9384; joann.farrell@yale.edu) to request to have the containers removed (please be sure to indicate your room number).

Q: Whom should you contact if you have any questions regarding chemical waste?

A: JoAnn Farrell at 203-432-9384.