

HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) determines what constitutes a hazardous waste and establishes a tracking system for the handling of hazardous waste from generation through disposal, sometimes referred to as “cradle to grave”.

Hazardous waste can be corrosive, ignitable, reactive, or toxic; and it is found primarily in the following locations:

- Chemistry and Biology Department

The Department Head shall be responsible for the disposal of their hazardous waste.

To determine what is constituted as a hazardous waste:

- Refer to Title 40, Part 261, Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR part 261), or

Employee considerations for handling and storing hazardous waste include:

- Containers, tanks, and drums must be labeled “Hazardous Waste” with the accumulation start date.
- Containers, tanks, and drums must not leak.
- Containers must be closed at all times unless adding or removing waste.
- Drums that are used for disposal must be dated and transferred when full.
- Weekly Inspections are required and must be documented.

Departments are responsible for the disposal of their waste. Departments requesting disposal of hazardous waste must furnish the following information **in writing** to the disposal company, unless otherwise stated by a disposal company that is being contracted by the department.

- The chemical and the trade name (common name).
- A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each product.
- The quantity of the chemical to be disposed.
- The type of container in which the chemical is stored.

During a hazardous waste emergency, the emergency coordinator(s) have the authority to commit resources necessary to respond to emergencies. BAC Emergency coordinators include:

- Campus Safety and Police
- Facility Services

Outside Agencies: The following agencies will be consulted in an emergency:

Local Law Enforcement Agencies	911
Local Fire Department	911

Evacuation Procedures: In the event of a hazardous waste emergency:

- Occupants will evacuate following Chemical or Radiation Spill Operating Guideline on page 29 in the Emergency Action Plan.

BAC employees who handle hazardous waste shall be trained in the RCRA and the handling and storage of waste.