

HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE TIPS

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LABELS & MARKINGS

All containers of hazardous waste must be labeled to identify the hazardous material and its characteristics. The following label information must appear on all waste containers when the first material is put into the container.

1. **The words "HAZARDOUS WASTE"**
2. **Generator's name and site address**
3. **Description of the waste**
 Either the chemical name or a general description of the waste. (i.e. "Solvent Rags", "Waste Oil", or "Paint thinner")
4. **Physical state (liquid, solid, gas)**
5. **Hazard characteristics (i.e. flammable, corrosive, toxic, reactive)**
 Check all that apply; default to Toxic if no other hazards are applicable.
6. **Accumulation start date**
 This is the date the first amount of waste is placed in the container. Inspectors check this date to see if the waste is being stored within the allowable time limits.

STORAGE AREA INSPECTION CHECKLIST (WEEKLY)

- ◆ ARE ALL CONTAINERS LABELED?
- ◆ ARE CONTAINERS WITHIN ACCUMULATION TIME LIMITS?
- ◆ ARE CLOSURES IN PLACE AND SECURED?
- ◆ ARE THERE ANY SIGNS OF LEAKS?
- ◆ ARE LIQUID CONTAINERS IN A SECONDARY CONTAINMENT?
- ◆ IS SPILL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE?

CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS

Containers used to store hazardous waste on site prior to shipment for disposal are not required to be DOT approved, however the following guidelines must be followed:

- ◆ The container must be made of a material which is compatible with the waste it contains (i.e. Acids should not be in a metal container).
- ◆ The container must have secure closures, and be in good shape to prevent the accidental release of the waste material.
- ◆ If a container is used which had previously held a hazardous material, it should only be used to store the same material unless it has been triple rinsed to remove any of the original contaminants.
- ◆ Any previous markings or labels must be removed or obliterated.
- ◆ Do not leave funnels or pumps in place when not in use.