

# SAFETY BULLETIN

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## HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL – LABORATORIES

The proper disposal of chemicals from our laboratories is by collection in a labeled bottle, stored closed in a safe location. The label must indicate the start date of the chemical collection and the name of the chemical being collected. Once the container is ready for disposal, arrangement for a chemical waste pick up is made by completing a "Hazardous Waste Pick Up Form" and faxing it to X8740. There is no charge to the lab for a chemical pick up.



### HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS ARE NEVER TO BE DISPOSED DOWN THE DRAINS.

This is a hard concept for some people to understand for various reasons. Nevertheless, Federal, State, and City laws prohibit the disposal of chemicals down the drains. Recently, the EPA has given large fines (in excess of several hundred thousand dollars), to neighboring institutions for sink disposal of hazardous chemicals. The NYC sanitary sewer is not able to handle hazardous chemical disposal and therefore, chemicals entering the sewer may ultimately be released into the surrounding waterways where they may cause environmental damage.

Please review your laboratory activities and ensure that **NO** hazardous chemicals are disposed down the drains.

If you have any questions regarding chemical waste disposal, please review our Hazardous Waste Guidelines or contact Environmental Health and Safety at X4150.