

Hazardous Waste Pick Up: Campus Tuesdays

McMaster University is committed to providing a system for the responsible management of hazardous waste that protects individuals and the environment in all research, teaching and service facilities and activities. Since 1992, RPR Environmental has been working with Environmental & Occupational Health Support Services (EOHSS) in the identification, collection and removal of hazardous chemical waste.

Preparing your Waste for Removal:

Chemical waste labels are free and available through EOHSS at GH 304, ext. 24352 or the FHS Stores.

- All waste containers must be intact, fitted with a lid, and suitable for containing the chemical.
- Twenty-liter pails must be sealed. Pour spout containers must have an intact cap and must be stored in an area with secondary containment in case of a leak or breach of the original container.
- Each container must be labeled with the **yellow chemical waste label** identifying the chemical, hazards associated with the chemical, Researcher Name, Building, Room and extension number.
- All chemical waste labels must be dated.

How to Schedule Chemical Waste Removal:

Each waste label has a red number associated with the item #. **This number must be written on the Chemical Waste Disposal Record.**

A Chemical Waste Disposal Record is available [online](#), and by contacting EOHSS.

Records must contain full chemical names in addition to identifying whether the chemical is an acid or base, including pH level.

Completed chemical waste disposal record must be emailed to EOHSS at waste@mcmaster.ca by 9:00am Friday to ensure pick up the following Tuesday.

Special Requests: Costs are associated with special requests

EOHSS will make arrangements for special requests including chemical identification, lab clean out, and removal of explosives.

Identification of unknown chemicals can be arranged RPR Environmental. An account number is required.

A lab clean out of large volumes of chemicals also requires an account number.



Pick Up Times and Locations:

RPR Environmental arrives on site at 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday and will pick up waste directly from your lab, identified on the Chemical Waste Disposal form. If your lab is locked or unoccupied for certain parts of the day, please put a contact number (cell) on the disposal form for them to contact you. If you need to convey any information to the contractor, please write it in the comments section of the form.

Please note that pick-up times may vary from week to week depending on the workload for that particular week.

In addition, used battery pickups occur at the five campus locations (see battery recycling and disposal). Need help? Call EOHSS (ext. 24352) or FHSc Safety Office (ext. 24956)