



WASTE AEROSOL CANS

STORAGE AND HANDLING INFORMATION

Many aerosol products such as cleaners, spray paints, and adhesives contain chemicals that are considered hazardous and need to be disposed of as hazardous waste. Even an empty aerosol container which has not been depressurized is considered a reactive hazardous waste. All waste aerosol cans, whether emptied of contents or not, must be managed as hazardous waste and can not be thrown in the trash. This handout explains important points about handling and storing waste aerosol cans for proper disposal.

1. Place waste aerosol cans in sturdy, closable, plastic containers.

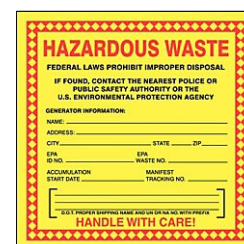


EXAMPLE STORAGE CONTAINER

2. Do not mix waste aerosol cans with other types of waste.

3. Keep containers of waste aerosol cans closed except when adding cans to the container.

4. Label containers as “Hazardous waste aerosol cans” with a marker or complete the sections on a hazardous waste label.



Example of hazardous waste label

Contact EH&S at 971-722-2872 for assistance with obtaining labels or containers.

5. Store containers of waste aerosol cans in your department’s designated waste satellite accumulation area.

6. Place a work order with the FMS Service Request Center to request a pick-up of a full container.