



Safety Notice for Posting

To: All Generators of Hazardous and Biohazardous Waste at Clemson University
From: June Brock-Carroll, CU Hazardous Materials/Environmental Compliance Manager
Subject: Proper Disposal of Lab Waste and Fluorescent Lamps

Recently there has been an increase of lab items being improperly disposed of in the Recycling bins. This has included glass chemical containers, lab sample vials as well as syringes and needles. Please see picture below.



There are university procedures that must be followed to ensure compliance with Hazardous and Biohazardous Waste regulations. More importantly, improper disposal puts our CU Facilities Recycling and Custodial Staff at a great risk of needle sticks, injuries and potential exposures.

Absolutely no sharps (such as needles, razor blades, etc.), syringes, chemical containers, contaminated lab glassware, etc can be disposed of as recyclable material at Clemson University facilities.

We have also seen an increase in fluorescent lamps being discarded in the dumpsters destined for regular landfill. These lamps contain mercury and must never be landfill disposed. Regulations require that they must be managed properly as Universal Waste for recycling when intact or as a regulated Hazardous Waste if broken.

For guidance on proper management and disposal of any lab items/debris or fluorescent lamps please contact Occupational and Environmental Safety's Hazardous Materials/Environmental Compliance Manager, June Brock-Carroll juneb@clemson.edu.

For guidance on recycling including fluorescent lamps at Clemson University facilities, please contact Dave Vandeventer dvand@clemson.edu

Always remember, Occupational and Environmental Safety offers **free** Hazardous and Biohazardous Waste Disposal Services as well as proper collection containers for these items.

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