Safety Practices

- Only combine similar waste types that are compatible
- Keep waste containers closed at all times except when adding waste
- Use secondary containment when storing waste to contain spills
- Clean up spills when they occur or contact EHS for assistance
- Post a Health and Safety Door Sign with Emergency Information (provided by EHS) in a clearly visible area near the entrance
- Review hazardous material release emergency plans to prepare personnel in the event of a release or spill
- Ensure all personnel understand safety and disposal procedures and receive annual training

Steps for Waste Removal:

- Containerize all waste in a sealed compatible container
- Label all containers using EHS-provided labels and don’t date the containers
- Maintain waste in the Chemical Waste Satellite Accumulation Area until collected by EHS
- Request collection via EHS Website http://weill.cornell.edu/ehs/chemwaste

Pollution Prevention

- Check current inventories before making new chemical purchases
- Audit chemical supplies regularly and use inventory controls
- Substitute less hazardous chemicals
- Reduce the scale of chemicals used where possible
- Purchase only the quantity of chemical required for specific projects
- Avoid mixing hazardous waste with non-hazardous waste
- Maintain High-hazard Operating Procedures and train personnel to avoid excess waste generation

Refer to Waste Disposal Procedures for Additional Information

NEVER

- Never leave containers unlabeled
- Never allow more than 1 quart of acutely toxic waste to accumulate (P-listed in Waste Disposal Procedures)
- Never allow more than 55 gallons of non-acute waste to accumulate
- Never dispose of waste in sink or trash unless listed as approved in Waste Disposal Procedures
- Never use evaporation or dilution as a treatment method
- Never store waste with chemical products