



Compliance Note: Chemical Waste Container Security & Storage

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The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment's (CDPHE) hazardous waste regulations (6CCR 1007-3), require hazardous chemical waste containers to always be under the "control" of the person responsible for generating the waste. Chemical waste containers must be under the visual observation of a trained employee at all times, otherwise the container must be under lock and key. At the end of each working day every hazardous chemical waste container must be placed inside a locked storage cabinet. If you anticipate generating flammable solvent wastes, the locked storage cabinet needs to be rated for the storage of flammable liquids.

The following rules apply to storing hazardous chemical waste containers at Fitzsimons research laboratories:

1. Hazardous chemical waste containers must be under the visual observation of a trained employee at all times, otherwise the waste containers must be stored inside a locked storage cabinet.
2. Hazardous chemical waste containers must be placed inside a locked storage cabinet at the end of the each work day. Chemical waste containers cannot remain sitting in the open laboratory overnight.
3. You are not allowed to store hazardous chemical waste containers inside the chemical fume hood after hours. Chemical fume hoods are active working areas and filling them with chemical containers may adversely effect the proper functioning of the hood.
4. In Fitzsimons laboratories (modules, alcoves, procedure rooms), no more than 2 gallons of flammable solvent may be stored outside of an approved flammable storage cabinet. If you anticipate generating flammable solvents wastes, your locked storage cabinet will have to be rated for the storage of flammable liquids.
5. Researchers may share the locked storage cabinet located underneath the chemical fume hood to secure hazardous chemical waste containers.
6. If you must store incompatible chemical waste containers inside the same locked storage cabinet, place the waste containers into plastic pails or tubs for secondary containment.
7. No more than a total of 1.0 quart of P-coded hazardous chemical wastes may be accumulated in any Fitzsimons laboratory (modules, alcoves, procedure rooms). Dispose of your p-coded waste chemical waste containers through Health & Safety before they reach a total of one quart. Call Health & Safety immediately whenever you exceed 1.0 quart of p-coded waste in any laboratory.