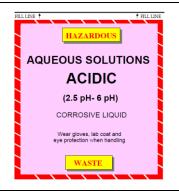
# Hazardous waste container guidelines

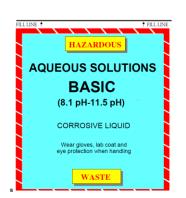
# Liquid waste

These guidelines are for OHSE supplied labeled containers For any questions, contact OHSE ohs@uvic.ca



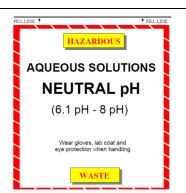
#### Acidic aqueous solution waste

- Disposal into either of the OHSE supplied 10 or 20 litre plastic containers
- Solutions must have a pH range between 2.5 6 pH
- NOTE:
  - Concentrated acidic solutions (pH < 2.5) must be collected in an appropriate chemical compatible Lab User supplied container. Affix a green hazardous waste sticker for pick up. DO NOT USE THE OHSE PROVIDED CONTAINERS.



#### **Basic aqueous solution waste**

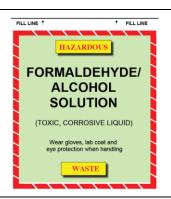
- Disposal into either of the OHSE supplied 10 or 20 litre plastic containers
- Solutions must have a pH range between 8.1 11.5
- NOTE:
  - Concentrated basic solutions (pH > 11.5) must be collected in an appropriate chemical compatible Lab User supplied container. DO NOT DECANT INTO THE OHSE PROVIDED CONTAINERS. Affix a green hazardous waste sticker for pick up
  - Old base baths (isopropanol & potassium hydroxide) must be collected via Lab User supplied containers.
    Affix a green hazardous waste sticker for pick up. DO NOT USE THE OHSE PROVIDED CONTAINERS.



#### Neutral aqueous solution waste

- Disposal into either of the of OHSE supplied 10 or 20 litre plastic containers
- Solutions must have a pH range between 6.1 − 8
- NOTE
  - Do not dispose aqueous waste containing toxic heavy metals (such as cadmium, lead, arsenic, tin, mercury etc). Please dispose into the green cans for "Toxic metal aqueous waste"





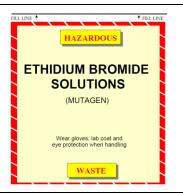
# Formaldehyde/alcohol solution

- Disposal into either of the OHSE supplied 10 or 20 litre plastic containers
- Solutions must should not exceed 15% formaldehyde
- NOTE:
  - Concentrated (>15 %) formaldehyde solutions must be collected in an appropriate Lab User supplied container. Affix a green hazardous waste sticker for pick up.



## **Acetonitrile/TFA Solution**

- Disposal into 20 litre plastic containers
- Disposal of liquid waste acetonitrile/trifluoroacetic acid (0.1-1.0% TFA) or acetonitrile/formic acid (0.1-1.0% FA) solutions and residual solvents from liquid chromatography



#### **Ethidium bromide solutions**

- Disposal into either of the OHSE supplied 10 or 20 litre plastic containers
- Intended for ethidium bromide buffer solutions. Solutions must **not exceed 1%** ethidium bromide
- NOTE:
  - Concentrated (>1 %) ethidium bromide stock solutions must be collected in an appropriate Lab User supplied container. Affix a green hazardous waste sticker for pick up



#### **GelRed stain solution**

- Disposal into either of the OHSE supplied 10 or 20 litre plastic containers
- May include running buffers as well as stock solutions





#### **SYBR Safe solution**

- Disposal into either of the OHSE supplied 10 or 20 litre plastic containers
- May include running buffers as well as stock solutions



# Non-halogenated organic solvents

- Dispose into 4.5L red cans
- Do not dispose water/aqueous solutions in cans
- Do not dispose solvents with halogens (fluoride, chloride, bromide, iodide) solvents
- Example solvents include but not limited to: acetone, isopropanol, acetonitrile, toluene, diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, ethyl acetate etc



### Halogenated organic solvents

- Dispose into 4.5L blue cans
- Do not dispose water/aqueous solutions in cans
- Non-halogenated solvents can be disposed in the blue cans if mixed with halogenated solvents
- Example solvents include but not limited to: dichloromethane, chloroform, bromobenzene, etc



## **Biohazardous liquids**

- Dispose into 4.5L yellow can
- Dispose biohazardous liquids that is not suitable for autoclave nor bleach treatment sink disposal





### Toxic metal aqueous waste

- Dispose into 4.5L green can
- Dispose aqueous waste containing heavy metals not meant for neutral aqueous solution waste stream
- Toxic metals include (but not limited to) cadmium, lead, arsenic, tin, mercury
- Note:
  - Do not dispose non-halogenated or halogenated solvents containing toxic heavy metals. Dispose instead into the red and blue cans, respectively.
  - If solution is strongly acidic (<2.5) or basic (>11.5) collect separately into a chemically compatible Lab User supplied container. Affix a green hazardous waste sticker for pick up.

