

Departmental Guidelines for Waste Handling Prior to Disposal

- In general, waste should not be stored for long periods of time. It should be submitted for disposal (<https://www.uvic.ca/ohse/environment/waste/index.php>).
- All waste containers must be closed except when being actively filled.
- Solid waste and sharps waste should be contained in appropriate and labelled containers in cabinets/shelves with chemically-compatible materials.
- Sharps include used needles, glass Pasteur pipettes, and contaminated broken glass.
- **Clean** glass waste, including bottles up to 1 L in size, should be placed in white broken glass collection bins.
- Flammable and halogenated liquid waste containers (red, blue cans respectively) should be stored inside flammable cabinets (e.g. below fumehoods).
- Dilute aqueous waste containers (acidic, neutral, basic) should be stored with secondary containment in an appropriately sized cabinet (e.g. below sinks).
- Concentrated acids/bases or reactive waste (e.g. aqua regia, piranha, perchlorates, HF) should not be stored, but disposed as soon as possible.
- *Fumehoods are not designed or intended for chemical storage, waste or otherwise.*