

## Waste Disposal

In disposing of waste (whether biological, chemical, radiation or electronic) the primary considerations are the protection of colleagues, waste contractors and anyone likely to come into contact with such waste, whether by accident or design. Some waste types are hazardous or are subject to particular legislative controls; for these types of waste suitable management and disposal strategies are developed and implemented. In all cases the producer of waste has a legal responsibility to discharge their duty of care from the moment the item or substance becomes waste to its final destruction.

Each individual area will have its own system for assigning and dealing with waste on a day-to-day basis. If you have any questions about waste disposal in your area, please contact the relevant local personnel, or access the SEPS site that deals specifically with "Waste" -

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/seps/waste/#d.en.38775>

The communalities of waste disposal in the Institute are:

### **Chemical**

#### **Solvents and solvent mixtures, or waste oil –**

Chemistry Stores supply 10L plastic drums, for a cost that **excludes** disposal, plus handling charge – details at <http://www.chem.gla.ac.uk/local/stores/index.php>

Solvent Waste Drum order form - <http://www.chem.gla.ac.uk/local/stores/index.php?p=solvents.html>

**Check it is safe to mix solvents before doing so and that you are collecting them into the most suitable container.**

**General chemicals** - redundant / waste chemicals are generally uplifted directly from individual locations within the Institute, although usually multiple groups band together to arrange uplift, thereby reducing handling charges. Details can be found at <http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/seps/waste/chemicals>

**Biological** – use and disposal of biological or GM waste are available at

[http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media\\_259866\\_en.pdf](http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_259866_en.pdf)

**Radiation** – each location has its own Radiation Safety Officers who will advise on and complete any paperwork relating to the disposal of radioactive waste, either through University or NHS facilities as appropriate.

University Guidelines can be accessed via

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/radiationprotection/>

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<http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/seps/waste/radioactive/>

**Electronic / electrical** - Disposal of electrical & electronic equipment such as IT, audio-visual, white goods or laboratory instrumentation is regulated by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations 2006. Guidelines and who to contact can be accessed via

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/seps/waste/electricelectronicsequipment/>