

5.2.15 Empty Container Management

A. Empty containers are sometimes the best suitable container for accumulating waste. If this is the case, the entire label must be defaced or properly covered to prevent confusion. It must be labeled as specified under “Identification and Labeling” BEFORE collecting waste.

B. If your empty container held a product that is listed in 40 CFR 261.33 under the “P List”, then the container itself must be managed as hazardous waste. Seal the container, label it as hazardous waste, and submit a chemical waste request form to EHS. See “Acutely Hazardous Wastes” section above.

C. If your container does not meet either A or B above, then assure your container is completely empty, deface the label, and mark the word “Empty” on the container. Leave the lid off and container open. If any vapors are present, allow the container to vent inside a fume hood. If residues remain in glassware, rinse with water (if compatible) at least 10% of the container size and discard to sink drain. For best results, rinse the container 3 times before allowing to dry prior to recycling.

AFTER RINSING AND DRYING

Consider placing any clean and dry glass containers that are brown, green, or clear into the recycling dumpster (BLUE DUMPSTER) behind Clark Hall. **(DEPARTMENTAL POLICY)**

If containers are Rubber coated, Pyrex, or remain contaminated, they cannot be recycled in our current system and should be placed into the trash dumpster (GREEN DUMPSTER).