

# The Laboratory Safety Institute's Golden Rules of **CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL**

**1.** Provide a secondary container for waste collection containers.

**2.** Keep waste containers closed at all times except when adding or removing waste.

**3.** Position containers so that waste labels are visible (face forward).

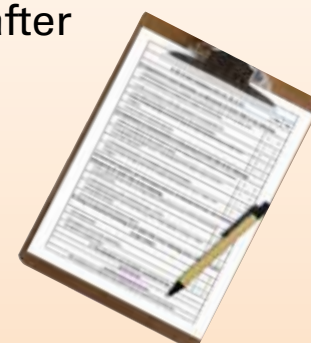


**4.** Place waste labels on all waste containers indicating the words "Hazardous Waste," the contents, and the nature of the hazard.

**5.** Maintain ten percent free space in waste containers to allow for expansion.

**6.** Remove waste containers from labs within three days after the containers are full (90%).

**7.** Attend and document annual training for all persons generating hazardous wastes.



**8.** Conduct weekly inspections of hazardous waste collection area and maintain an inspection log.



**9.** Post the name and phone numbers for responsible persons to contact 24 hours a day in case of an emergency.

**10.** Use only collection drums that are rust free.

**11.** Ask your contractor what degree of segregation provides best price.

**12.** In storage rooms, be able to catch the greater of 100% of the largest container or 10% of all containers.



**13.** Only one container per waste stream.

**Violation of these golden rules (EPA RCRA regulations) can result in fines of \$5,000 or more.**