



Hazardous Waste Management Policy

The safe and environmentally responsible management of hazardous waste is a key focus of the Environmental Compliance and Sustainability office.

Purpose

The purpose of the Hazardous Waste Management Plan is to provide information to the employees of Berry College regarding the identification, handling, storage, and disposal of universal wastes generated in the workplace.

Applicability

This policy applies to the entire Berry College community, but is especially pertinent for employees working in science laboratories, physical plant shops, the art department, the agriculture department, and the Ladd Center. Employees in the aforementioned departments are most likely to handle hazardous materials and therefore shall be familiar with this policy. Since the Berry College Hazardous Waste Management Policy applies directly to several departments on campus, the control of the program and the proper handling of the hazardous waste will be a joint effort between the Environmental Compliance and Sustainability office and the School of Mathematical & Natural Sciences, Evans School of Humanities & Social Sciences, the Physical Plant, and the Ladd Center.

Program Overview

- 1. Generator Status.** Berry College is classified as a Small Quantity Generator of hazardous waste because it generates more than 220 pounds but less than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste.
- 2. Responsibility.** While each department is responsible for storing hazardous wastes in Satellite Accumulation Areas, the Environmental Compliance and Sustainability office has the responsibility of properly disposing of the wastes. Wastes should be contained properly with appropriate labeling and the EC&S office should be notified when a pickup is needed. The EC&S office will ensure that the waste be removed in a timely fashion and by a licensed vendor.
- 3. Hazardous Waste Determination.** According to the EPA, a hazardous waste is a waste with properties that make it dangerous or potentially harmful to human health or the environment. Hazardous wastes can be liquids, solids, contained gases, or sludges. They can be the by-products of manufacturing processes or simply discarded commercial products, like cleaning fluids or pesticides.

In regulatory terms, a RCRA hazardous waste is a waste that appears on one of the four hazardous wastes lists (F-list, K-list, P-list, or U-list), or exhibits at least one of four characteristics—ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity.

Hazardous waste is regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle C. For more information on the RCRA statute and links to the regulations, visit <https://www.epa.gov/rcra/resource-conservation-and-recovery-act-rcra-regulations#haz>