

# 1 Hazardous Waste Management and Minimization

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## 5 Introduction

6 The proper management of hazardous wastes in order to protect human health and the environment  
7 is the responsibility of all Iowa State University personnel. Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S)  
8 ensures proper hazardous waste management by administering the Environmental Protection  
9 Agency Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program, and other applicable state and  
10 local rules or policies. RCRA regulates the generation, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste  
11 items, and mandates that generators of hazardous waste implement waste minimization practices.

12 The term "hazardous waste" refers to any material designated as a hazardous waste by the  
13 Environmental Protection Agency, equipment containing hazardous waste, or any items or  
14 substance contaminated with hazardous waste. Hazardous waste may include, but is not limited to,  
15 chemicals, computers and electronics, appliances, and fluorescent lamps.

## 16 Policy Statement

### 17 General Duty

18 University personnel are required to adhere to federal, state and local hazardous waste regulations  
19 and policies set forth in ISU's *Waste and Recycling Guidelines* and all other applicable programs and  
20 policies.

### 21 Discharge of Hazardous Wastes

22 University personnel are prohibited from discharging-or allowing or causing to be discharged-  
23 hazardous wastes to the land, surfaces, waters, and sanitary or stormwater systems of Iowa State  
24 University.

### 25 Duty to Report

26 University personnel are required to report any discharge, spill, or release of hazardous waste  
27 immediately to Environmental Health and Safety or ISU Police.

### 28 Minimization of Hazardous Waste Generation

29 University personnel must, whenever practical, minimize the generation of hazardous waste utilizing  
30 the practices described in ISU's *Waste and Recycling Guidelines*, or by other suitable means.

## 31 Resources

### 32 Links

- 33 • [EH&S Environmental Programs](#)
- 34 • [EH&S Waste and Recycling](#)
- 35 • [EH&S Waste Removal](#)
- 36 • [Iowa Department of Natural Resources Land Quality](#)
- 37 • [Environmental Protection Agency – Pollution Prevention](#)
- 38 • [Environmental Protection Agency – Hazardous Waste](#)
- 39 • [ISU Police](#)

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