**CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL BASICS**

**STEP 1** Ready Container

- 3.5 gal. plastic pails preferred (available from Campus Stores)
- Cut plastic plug from hole and locate hole 90° from handle
- Secure lid before filling
- Write bldg. name and room no. under handle for return (w/ permanent marker)

**STEP 2** Tag

- Attach a chemical waste tag w/ a wire tie before filling (available from Risk Management & Safety)
- Include name of person who knows about the waste, phone number, bldg. name and room no.

**STEP 3** Accumulate Waste

- Write complete name of chemicals on tag as they are added to container (in English w/ no. 2 pencil or ballpoint pen – no abbreviations or formulas)
- If different compatible wastes are combined - accumulate according to the following groups, if possible:
  - Non-chlorinated organics
  - Chlorinated organics
  - Acids & heavy metal solutions
  - Chromic acid & sulfuric acid
  - Bases
  - Cyanides
  - Photo fixer
  - Color photo developer
  - Oil
- Segregate solids and liquids
- Always keep container closed when not adding waste.

**STEP 4** Request Pick-Up

- Write volume percentage of each chemical in container on tag
- Request pick-up when you want waste removed – whether container is full or not (see four contact options below)
- Provide: name of person who knows about the waste, phone no., dept., bldg. and room no., waste location in room, waste quantity and container size and indicate whether more tags are needed

For more information or to request waste pick-up – contact Risk Management & Safety at 621-5861 (phone), 626-4925 (FAX), hazmat@email.arizona.edu (e-mail) or http://w3fp.arizona.edu/riskmgmt/chemical_waste_pick_up_form.htm (on-line)