

Lab Container Disposal

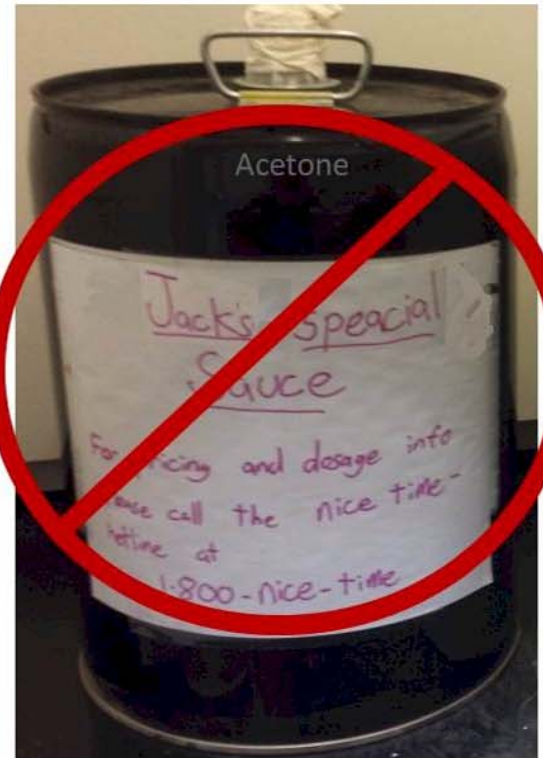
Not empty, Label not defaced

No

These improperly marked lab cans were put out as trash, resulting in a response by NMSU Police, Fire, EH&S and dept. staff.



Not Acceptable



Never

Empty, rinsed, & label marked out

Yes



OK to place in trash/dumpster

To dispose of empty chemical containers:

1. Triple rinse the empty containers (collect & turn the rinsate to EH&S as hazardous waste).
2. Cross out the label with heavy permanent marker and mark as "Empty".
3. Place the empty can in the dumpster outside the building (preferred) or inside a regular trash containers.

Exceptions- if a container cannot be effectively rinsed or is a high hazard, etc. then turn it in as a hazardous waste. Most containers, especially virgin solvent, can be effectively triple rinsed.

More details are under lab safety & hazardous waste programs on <http://safety.nmsu.edu>
Concerns, please call EH&S 575-646-3327