Harvard Forest Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal Protocol

Any chemical waste that is determined as hazardous should be properly collected and disposed of in accordance to Harvard Forest and University policies.

1. Determine whether your waste is hazardous. Consult with lab manager if you are not sure.
2. If the waste is hazardous, collect it in an appropriate container (i.e. glass bottles for acid waste).
   Note: all experiments/procedures that produce hazardous waste should be conducted in lab spaces that are designated as Satellite Accumulation Areas (SAA).
3. Fill out a Hazardous Waste Label with
   a. Contents: write out the name of each chemical (no abbreviations)
   b. %: indicate the approximate percentage of each chemical
   c. Indicate any potential Hazardous
   d. DO NOT DATE IT (at this point)
   e. Location: Building and Room #
   f. Manager Name: Manisha V. Patel
   g. Manager Phone #: 978-756-6148
4. Attach Hazardous Waste Label to container the moment you begin collecting waste in the container.
5. Place primary waste container in a secondary waste bin (i.e. grey bin)
6. When the waste container is full, FILL IN THE DATE on the hazardous waste label.
7. Immediately relocate it from the SAA to the Main Accumulation Area (MAA). These are the big blue containers in the Clean Lab (Torrey) and PaleoEcology Lab (Shaler).
8. Contact the Lab Manager (manishapatel@fas.harvard.edu) with the hazardous waste details that are on the waste label (your name, date, chemical names & percentages, container volume).

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