

EH&S - Waste Compliance and Sustainability

Hand Sanitizers, Soaps and Disposable Wipes

Management of unused, expired, leftover products

Left over / unused, or expired disinfectant wipes or remaining pourable liquids in containers may be considered regulated due to toxicity or flammable properties of the leftover products.

Some products will be considered Hazardous (black) and others might be considered non-RCRA Hazardous (blue) – or to be collected in other appropriately approved labeled containers – such as 30 – 55 gallon poly drums.

For wipes - we ask that staff use all contents prior to disposal - swirling / agitating container between use will ensure liquid fully absorbed into wipes - at end of use any excess liquid in container can be safely absorbed into a paper towel and used to "wipe" any non-critical surface that does not require true disinfection – remove lid from **empty** container prior to placing into trash.

If product is expired and contains leftover wipes and/or liquids these must be properly managed - depending on total # of containers and type - a one-off container can be placed in the departments black or blue hazardous waste container - if more than the one-off container - contact EH&S for assistance.

- Alcohol based products are generally considered hazardous = black container.
- Other wipes are generally appropriate for non-RCRA hazardous = blue container.

Once "used" the actual wipes can be placed into trash - unless also contains visible blood (red bag) ; trace chemo (yellow) or other materials that would cause to be regulated and managed as required.

Soaps / Sanitizers –

At this time general soaps (exceptions noted below) , lotions and all empty containers are appropriate for landfill trash – ensuring that any aerosol pressurized containers are empty of all air / pressure.

Exceptions - If leftover / expired:

Alcohol based sanitizers = hazardous waste

Ecolab Scrub Stat (CHG) soap – hazardous waste

Ecolab Bacti Foam (Antimicrobial soap) – hazardous waste

As we continue forward – EH&S will work to provide guidance and coordinate any required additional secondary container processes as needed.

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Hazardous Waste (Compatible Bin)

Eco Lab Hand Foam Sanitizers



Eco Lab Scrub Stat



Eco Lab Bacti Foam Antimicrobial Hand Soap



Hazardous Waste (Aerosol Bin)

Epi-Clenz Hand
Form Sanitizers

