

## COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND MAINTENANCE WASTE

Commercial hazardous waste (e.g., paints, solvents, coolants, oils and compressed gas cylinders) and small volumes of maintenance hazardous waste (e.g., ballasts or fume hood filters) can be taken to the Environmental Safety Facility (ESF) using the [existing waste drop-off procedure](#). For large volumes or full pallets, contact [esf@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:esf@uwaterloo.ca) to arrange a time.

**Please note that UW waste collection facilities are only for waste generated from campus.**

### Disposal Instructions

Most of these materials do not require a UW Waste Label if their original manufacturer label is still present. If the original label is illegible or has been removed, a UW Waste Label must be attached. UW Waste Labels can be provided by the ESF.

### Commercial Products (Paints, Cleaning Products)

COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS	DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS
Expired cleaning products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Taken to ESF in original container.</li></ul>
Paints or stains (latex, water-based, or oil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Must be packaged with a tightly sealed lid.</li></ul>
Paint solvents (e.g., varsol or turpentine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Must be packaged with a tightly sealed lid.</li></ul>
Aerosol cans (e.g., lubricants, paints, pesticides)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Taken to ESF in original container.</li></ul>
Lecture bottles and propane/butane cylinders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Taken to ESF. An SDS is required for lecture bottles.</li></ul>

### Equipment Maintenance

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS
Vacuum/pump oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ In original containers or drained into tightly sealed containers. Containers can be provided by ESF.</li></ul>
Coolant and/or Antifreeze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Must be contained in tightly sealed container.</li><li>▪ Contact ESF for large containers for quantities of 8 litres or more.</li></ul>
Filters (laboratory, equipment, etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ If possible, contain in a solid waste container/pail.</li><li>▪ Larger sizes can be contained in a heavy-duty bag provided by ESF. Bag must be taped shut.</li><li>▪ Container must include a waste label that lists likely contaminants.</li></ul>
Mercury lamps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Must be packaged in a tightly sealed container or the original box.</li></ul>

## Building Maintenance

<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS</b>
Fluorescent tubes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Should be placed inside of cardboard box (from the replacement tube).</li><li>▪ When in large quantities they should be stacked on a pallet.</li><li>▪ If a box is not available, loose bulbs/tubes must be bagged or wrapped in plastic wrap.</li></ul>
Ballasts (PCBs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ballasts can be brought to ESF as-is. Large quantities need to be arranged in advance.</li></ul>