HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

Caltech is committed to conducting activities in a manner that promotes the safety and health of faculty, staff, students, visitors, and the environment and minimizes risk to Caltech property. The Institute's Environment, Health and Safety Office (EHS) controls all hazardous, bio-hazardous, radioactive, and electronic waste disposal (referred to as hazardous waste) resulting from core campus operations. Caltech is unable to accept any hazardous or electronic waste from the community, as it can for household recyclables (glass, plastic, paper, etc.).

GOALS

Through partnerships with chemical and laboratory equipment suppliers and electronic waste vendors, Caltech is working to simplify reporting of hazardous waste final disposition once it has been removed from the campus to increase transparency. Additionally, EHS and the Facilities Department are working together to implement tailored programs for research groups to ensure waste is minimized through efficient and appropriate use of resources and is disposed of in a way that protects individuals and the environment and complies with applicable regulations.

INITIATIVES

Electronic waste round up

Since electronic waste (e-waste) is one of the most common types of hazardous waste generated on campus, EHS has arranged with the campus e-waste vendor to be on-site once a month to collect e-waste at no cost to the campus population. E-Cycle Environmental is stationed at the Campus Recycling Center from 8:00am to 12:00pm (noon) the first Wednesday of every month. This is event is **ONLY** for e-waste generated on campus.

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Electronic waste round up

The following types of e-waste are accepted:

- Computers, monitors, keyboards, mice, servers, laptops, tape drives, docking stations
- Scanners, fax machines, printers, shredders, copiers
- Flat screens, VCRs, DVDs, cassette players
- PDAs, phones, cell phones
- Stereos
- Batteries

E-waste is accepted at the recycling center on round up day **ONLY.** If you need an e-waste pickup prior to the round up day or you need assistance with the transfer of large e-waste item, please contact the Safety Office at extension 6727. The Safety Office can also assist with identifying the type and appropriate disposal process for your waste if you are unsure of which type of waste you have. Please keep in mind that e-waste items which housed or utilized chemicals of any kind must be cleared by the Safety Office prior to disposal.

Got e-waste not generated on campus? Household hazardous waste and universal waste (including e-waste) not generated on campus can be recycled a local Household Hazardous Waste Roundup.

To learn more about Caltech's hazardous waste disposal program, visit the EHS website.