



Lab Equipment & Surplus Disposal Standards

UCSC Laboratory Safety Services
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To discard equipment that WAS NOT used to store hazardous materials, please refer to the guidelines provided by the Division of Physical & Biological Sciences.

http://nsbo.ucsc.edu/facilities/Refrig_Disposal.html

To dispose of refrigerators, freezers or other equipment (incubators, specialty cabinets, etc) previously used to store biological, chemical, or radioactive materials, follow the guidelines provided below and check each bullet as completed. If you have specific questions about old equipment and hazardous materials storage, please contact EH&S at 459-2553 or ehs@ucsc.edu.

- Remove all contents (chemicals, samples, petri plates, test tubes, vials, etc) from the equipment.
- Remove all labels, signs, and University Inventory Stickers from the equipment.
- Clean and remove all visible chemical contamination, loose dirt, and dried, spilled materials from the equipment. **If you can wipe it off, wipe it off.**
- Wipe up and dry any free standing water.
- Perform these additional steps for equipment used to store radioactive materials.
 - Conduct a thorough wipe survey of both the interior and exterior surfaces (handles, trays, shelves, doors, etc).
 - Clean and decontaminate any areas above twice background.
 - Repeat steps a. and b. as necessary until all survey results are below twice background.
 - Post results on equipment.
 - Notify EH&S of any refrigerator or freezer unit used to store tritium (^3H).
- Contact EH&S (9-2553, ehs@ucsc.edu) to initiate inspection and final disposal approval.
- Following disposal clearance, EH&S will notify appropriate personnel in the Physical & Biological Sciences or Social Sciences to coordinate pickup.

I Have Completed the above steps

Approved for Disposal by EHS

Lab Contact: _____

EHS Contact: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____