



EHS Newsletter

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Annual Laboratory Inspections: Reminders and Accolades

The 2014 laboratory inspections were conducted over the past three months on the William and Mary campus. Common findings are listed below— Remember to Keep your lab Clean and SAFE!

Improperly Labeled Waste

Several labs had open, unlabeled or improperly labeled containers. All containers should have lids on them when not actively adding material, or emptying the contents of the container. Hazardous and Biohazardous waste must be appropriately disposed of; see tips on the next page.

Housekeeping

Good housekeeping is the keystone to good fire prevention. Make sure the fire extinguishers in your lab are securely attached to the wall and accessible. Fume hoods must be closed at all times, when they are not being used, and must remain orderly, not overcrowded.

Extension Cord Usage

In laboratories, extension cords are limited to “temporary” use, meaning no longer than 90 days. It is expected that these cords are associated with a one-time lab use. The practice of plugging an extension cord into another is prohibited on campus. Further, extension cords may not be used for heat-producing appliances such as coffee pots and space heaters as well as appliances like refrigerators or microwave ovens. These devices may cause the cord to reach circuit capacity, increasing chances for over- heating.

Congratulations to Adair Hall for displaying optimal safety and housekeeping practices! For their outstanding results, they were granted \$300 EHS Bucks to order items for their labs!



Fire Safety: **Flammable Furniture Raises Concerns on Campuses**

The Fire Safety Department at Hampton-Sydney College has sent out a disclaimer that inflatable furniture, appearing in student living areas, may be too risky to have in dorms. The “Intex” furniture includes couches and chairs. Safety tests performed by the college show a disastrous response to fire. According to an email from H-S Fire Safety Supervisor, Chuck Ironmonger, the furniture will “explode and shoot fire and molten plastic” soon after being ignited.

EHS MISSION

“We are committed to protecting people and environment by conserving our natural resources and maintaining a healthful and safe environment for present and future”



If you have an emergency, always

CALL

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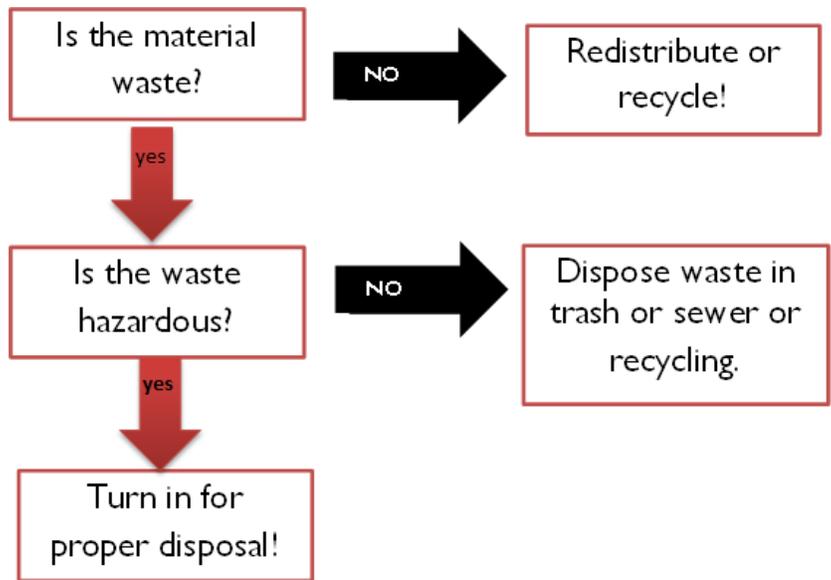
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Hazardous and Biohazardous Waste: How To Get It Out of The Lab Safely



If you have waste that needs to be removed, follow these guidelines and contact the EHS. We can dispose of your waste properly! Contact the EHS Specialist with disposal requests or go to: <http://www.wm.edu/offices/facilities/services/safety/hazardwaste/index.php>

Spring into Safe Biking!

With the weather warming up, more bikes will be on the road—don't forget safety is a two-way street, bikes and cars must remember the rules of the road. Listed are a few safety tips that The College of William's Police Department provides upon bike registration:

Safety tips

- Obey all traffic controls and signs
- Use proper hand signals when turning
- Ride with the flow of traffic
- Always wear a helmet
- Share the road
- Lock your bike when not in use and use campus or city bike racks to park your bike



Be a Responsible Bicyclist Information:

<http://www.wm.edu/sites/sustainability/initiatives/transportation/biking-around-campus/index.php>