Hazard Waste Management Information
Scope

• The previous contractors were Toxfree (and Sterihealth in some areas).

• The new contractor is Transpacific Industries trading as Cleanaway.

• Cleanaway will collect all hazardous material as defined in the Hazardous Waste Guidance document (available from the Health & Safety website).

• New processes will be implemented to improve the existing service and meet the expanding requirements of our clients.
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Collection Information

Hazardous waste generated in laboratories is collected by the hazardous waste contractor Transpacific Cleanaway through a supplier agreement. This supplier agreement is managed by Health & Safety.

As outlined below, Health & Safety define three categories of waste. Only Category 1 or Category 2 laboratory waste is included for collection as part the University of Melbourne’s service agreement.

Category 1

Examples of commonly produced Category 1 Laboratory waste include (but are not limited to):

- Water soluble solvent
- Chlorinated wastes
- Developer
- Cytotoxic

Collection details

- Category 1 waste is covered by the supplier agreement.
- The Hazardous Waste Collection Manifest should be emailed to Bronwyn.Bird@transpac.com.au and hazardouswaste-info@unimelb.edu.au by COB the Monday of the collection week.
- Category 1 collection for the Parkville location is scheduled for the third Thursday of each month.
- Category 1 collection for non-Parkville locations scheduled frequency is determined by the local area needs.
- Category 1 waste will be collected by a Transpacific truck.
- Ad hoc collections can be arranged outside the scheduled pickups by providing 48 hours’ notice to Bronwyn.Bird@transpac.com.au.

https://safety.unimelb.edu.au/docs/hazard_waste_manifest.xlsx
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Transition

• Transpacific will maintain all current stocks and bin requirements

• A review and refinement of systems to suit your needs will be undertaken once the new processes are in place.

• We are happy to get feedback / suggestions (send to hazardouswaste-info@unimelb.edu.au)
Charges

- There will be no changes to the current charging system.
- Hazardous waste disposal costs will be continue to be met by the Health & Safety Hazardous Waste Service Agreement.
- A purchase order must be supplied for all clinical, anatomical and chemical waste collection.
The hazards of hazardous waste collection

- thousands of new students traversing the Parkville campus
- new waste contractor moving our hazardous waste around the campus
- major building works impending access to buildings

This presents a safety and logistics challenge.

To manage the H&S aspects we are arranging three main collection areas for the Parkville campus. These are:

- Chemistry
- Zoology
- South West
Buildings
- All Engineering
- Dentistry
- Physics
- MSD
- Redmond Barry
- McCoy
- Thomas Cherry
- Alice Hoy

Chemistry:
To aid Staff in buildings associated with the Chemistry collection point:
- we are proposing Departments drop their waste to the chemistry store between 2pm to 3pm Monday to Friday of the week before the waste collection.
Buildings

- All Botany
- 142 FVAS
- 147 Zoology
- 194 Genetics

Zoology:
To aid Staff in these buildings get their waste to the appropriate collection area at Gate 13.

The contractor will call (the staff member’s mobile number) 30 minutes before the truck arrives at the designated area.

We understand in some cases moving waste from departments will not always be easy, hence the waste contractor will offer assistance to get the waste from your department to the waste vehicle.
Hazardous Waste Disposal – South West

Buildings
- 144 K.M.B.
- 184 old Micro
- 183 Howard Florey
- 181 Medical

South West: Pick-up point will be at the following buildings.

The contractor will call (the staff’s mobile number) 30 minutes before the truck arrives at the designated pickup point to allow staff to be present while the waste is collected.
• Questions
• Feedback