



It is the policy of the Board of Trustees to ensure that the West Hills Community College District is in compliance with all local, county, state, and federal regulations concerning the disposal of hazardous waste and universal waste.

- Hazardous Waste

Hazardous waste is defined as any material that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses substantial or potential threats to public health and safety or the environment and which has no further usefulness to the district. In other words, it is characterized as waste by district employees, or is beyond its expiration date and can no longer be used. This will include chemical, liquid, gaseous material, body fluids, and animal tissue that may be generated in teaching labs of the district as well as any substance or material (including needles, scalpels, and tubes) that is not permitted to be disposed of via regular city or county landfills.

- Universal Waste

Universal waste is a type of hazardous waste generated by several sectors of society rather than by a single industry or type of business. Since universal waste contains potentially harmful chemicals, it must be disposed of as a hazardous waste. Universal waste includes common batteries, fluorescent tubes, bulbs, and other mercury containing lamps, electronic devices, mercury containing devices (thermometers), and non-empty aerosol cans.

It shall be the responsibility of the Chancellor or his/her designee to ensure that all district procedures are complied with concerning hazardous or universal waste. He/ she shall endeavor to instill in the faculty and staff the importance of these regulations and communicate to the Deputy Chancellor any pertinent information regarding district hazardous waste management.

It shall be the responsibility of the instructor to inform students on the hazardous waste policies of the district and ensure that these policies are complied with at all times. This information shall be included in the course outline of record when applicable.

It shall be the responsibility of all faculty and staff to comply with all hazardous waste policies and procedures. Failure to comply is grounds for disciplinary action.

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