



University of Pittsburgh

Department of Environmental Health and Safety

Memorandum

TO: Occupants in Research and Teaching Laboratories at Mercy Pavilion
FROM: Keith Duval - University of Pittsburgh Department of Environmental Health and Safety
DATE: October 29, 2025
RE: 2026 Chemical Waste Receiving Schedule (**Mercy Pavilion**)

Below is the 2026 schedule for chemical waste receiving at Mercy Pavilion. A representative from the University of Pittsburgh Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) will be available in Room 2.414 (Chemical Waste Storage Room – near the loading dock) **every other week from 10:00am to 11:00am** to receive chemical waste on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 7, 2026	Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Wednesday, January 21, 2026	Wednesday, July 22, 2026
Wednesday, February 4, 2026	Wednesday, August 5, 2026
Wednesday, February 18, 2026	Wednesday, August 19, 2026
Wednesday, March 4, 2026	Wednesday, September 2, 2026
Wednesday, March 18, 2026	Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Wednesday, April 1, 2026	Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Wednesday, April 15, 2026	Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Wednesday, April 29, 2026	Wednesday, October 28, 2026
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Wednesday, May 27, 2026	Wednesday, November 25, 2026
Wednesday, June 10, 2026	Wednesday, December 9, 2026
Wednesday, June 24, 2026	Wednesday, December 23, 2026

All chemical waste must be capped, and secondary containment (e.g. boxed or in a plastic bin and placed on a cart with sides, in a bucket, etc.) must be used when moving waste chemicals within the building. The freight elevator should be used for chemical transport, and **no gloves should be worn outside of the laboratory**. All waste containers must be labeled with an orange WASTE CHEMICALS label. The label must include:

- identity of contents with the common chemical name (no abbreviations or formulas)
- date
- name and extension of the individual generating the waste

Chemical waste should never be abandoned in the hallway or left unattended at any time. Waste material will only be accepted at the designated time and date. No chemical waste should be placed in Room 2.414 unless an EH&S representative is present. Keep in mind that it is a violation of Federal, state and local regulations to dispose of chemicals via the drain, sewer, or general trash. Please utilize the University's chemical waste program for the disposal of all excess and unwanted chemicals.

Any questions regarding chemical waste management in research labs should be directed to Jonathan Lundy at 412-624-8526 or Wayne Eakin at 412-624-2463. University of Pittsburgh EH&S should also be contacted in the event of any chemical releases at 412-624-9505.