

Machine Shop Checklist #7: Spent Parts Washer Solvent



Solvents used in parts washers and solvent tanks may be dangerous waste, depending on:

- The solvent used.
- The metal particulates and contaminants being cleaned.

You might be able to keep this waste stream from designating as dangerous waste by using a non-hazardous solvent and by being careful about aerosol sprays and other halogenated chemical sources in your shop.

Two disposal options

1. Manage as dangerous waste

- Label the spent solvent container “Dangerous Waste” and “Toxic” or “Flammable,” as appropriate.
- Lettering must be at least one-half inch tall or visible from 25 feet away.
- Send it off site with a vendor (ask your Ecology contact for a list of vendors in your area).

2. Manage with a vendor, not as dangerous waste

- Designate it by testing to show that it's not dangerous waste. Ask Ecology for help.
- If the spent solvent is not dangerous waste, contact a vendor to dispose of it.
- Spent solvent must not be discharged to storm drains, dry wells, septic systems, or the sewer.

Also consider your solvent

If the only reason your spent solvent becomes dangerous waste is because of the solvent, consider an alternative. This would require evaluating new solvents. Consider asking your Ecology contact for help.

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