



## Hazardous Waste/Hazardous Material

### Definition



Hazardous Wastes (HW) and Hazardous Materials (HM) are substances (e.g. petroleum, oil, lubricants, pesticides, solvents, chemicals, etc.) that may, because of their chemical nature (toxic, reactive, corrosive, ignitable), pose a threat to human health and/or the environment when handled improperly.

### How do I identify HM?

- ◆ Check the label (may say words like CAUTION!, WARNING!, DANGER! etc.)
- ◆ Look at Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)
- ◆ Look in DOD Hazardous Material Information Resource System – HMIRS software ([www.dlis.dla.mil/hmirs/](http://www.dlis.dla.mil/hmirs/))



Check out our [Hazardous Waste Guide](#) for the opening hours of our three Hazardous Waste Storage Areas

### How do I store HM/HW?

- ◆ Use containers supplied by the DPW - Environmental Division
- ◆ Label containers
- ◆ DANGER! Do not mix different types of wastes or materials! E.g. HW with non-HW or incompatible substances like oxidizers and flammables, acids with bases. Store them according to hazard property
- ◆ Always keep storage containers closed except when adding or removing HW

### How do I dispose of HW?

- ◆ Always use Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) when handling HM/HW
- ◆ Avoid spills and clean up if spills do happen
- ◆ Drop off “normal” amounts of HW at Hazardous Waste Accumulation Points (HWAP)
- ◆ For larger amounts call DPW - Environmental to arrange onsite contractor pick-up
- ◆ The Hazardous Waste Storage Areas (HWSA) will not accept any ammunition, radioactive substances, medical waste, explosives or DEMIL items! Please turn these items in.



**We don't want your area to look like this!**

[Check the Unit Support page for further information](#)