Many aerosol products - cleaners, spray paints, adhesives, solvents - contain chemicals that are considered a hazardous waste when disposed. Even an empty aerosol container which has not been depressurized can be a reactive hazardous waste. Waste aerosol cans whether emptied of contents or not must be managed as hazardous waste.

**DO NOT THROW THEM IN THE TRASH.**
This handout explains important information about handling and storing waste aerosol cans for proper disposal at UWF.

1. Place waste aerosol cans in a sturdy, closable, container.
2. Do not mix waste aerosol cans with other types of waste.
3. Keep containers of waste aerosol cans closed except when adding cans to the container.

![](example_storage_container.png)

4. Label containers as “**Hazardous waste aerosol cans**” with a marker or use a hazardous waste label.

![](example_hazardous_waste_label.png)

5. Store containers of waste aerosol cans in your department’s designated waste storage location.
6. Call Environmental Health and Safety at 850.474.2525 for assistance with obtaining labels. Use a JIRA ticket to request a hazardous material pick-up when the collection container becomes full.