OSU Hemp-Related Waste Disposal

OSU-generated hemp wastes must be handled appropriately to avoid endangering public health and the environment. These wastes may be regulated as solid or hazardous wastes and may include the hemp plant material, hemp-infused products, pesticides, fertilizers, solvents, wastewater, and other wastes. The purpose of this bulletin is to provide guidance on how to handle and dispose of these wastes in accordance with the relevant federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

*Note: All hemp production waste from an OSU farm or Experimental Station will follow USDA guidelines which allow for plowing under, mulching, disking, bush mower, deep burial, or burning. [https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/hemp/disposal-activities](https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/hemp/disposal-activities).

- **Hazardous Hemp-Related Waste**
  Hazardous hemp-related waste is a hazardous waste when hemp material that is combined with hazardous materials such as solvents or other chemicals. Hazardous waste must be disposed of in a manner consistent with federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, or other requirements. You must have documentation of a hazardous waste determination. EH&S has a Hazardous Waste Determination Form to help with the determination. All hazardous wastes must be disposed of through OSU’s EH&S hazardous waste program.
  More information may be found in [OSU’s Hazardous Waste Generator’s User Guide](https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/hemp/disposal-activities).

- **Liquid Hemp Waste**
  All liquid waste (Hazardous and Non-hazardous) must be collected in a waste container and managed through OSU’s EH&S hazardous waste program. No drain or dumpster disposal is allowed. Label container Hazardous or Non-hazardous and list the contents with percent for each constituent.

- **Hemp Plant Material**
  Collect plant material into a labeled polybag. When ready for disposal, submit an online waste pickup request. A brief, traceable description of the hemp cultivar and source genetics of the hemp biomass must be listed in the comment section of the request for recordkeeping.
  The label must have the following words “Non-Hazardous Organic debris”.

- **Non-Compliant Hemp Plant Material**
  Non-compliant hemp plant material is hemp that is greater than 0.3% THC on a dry weight basis. Non-compliant hemp plant material must be rendered non-retrievable and non-ingestible. Non-compliant industrial hemp destruction and disposal must be processed through OSU’s EH&S Controlled Substance Coordinator (contact EH&S Controlled Substance Coordinator, ehs@oregonstate.edu or call 541-737-1288 for more information).

Waste Pickup
To request a Waste pickup submit an online form for a waste pickup. This form can be used to request a waste pickup for hazardous waste (chemicals, sharps, etc.), Universal waste batteries/bulbs/aerosols, etc.), a Lab cleanout (unwanted chemicals), donations for OSU’s Chemical ReUse program, order containers for waste and waste labels.

Contact Information

OSU’s EH&S hazardous waste group email is hazardouswaste@oregonstate.edu or call us at 541-737-1288.

OSU Hemp Related References

- Cannabis Research Policy: Guidance on Hemp, Marijuana, and other Cannabis Research and Outreach Activities. For faculty, staff, and students involved in research and extension. Cannabis Research Policy

- Hemp in Campus Greenhouses: please contact James Ervin, manager of OSU greenhouse operations, if you have any questions about growing hemp in campus greenhouses. Greenhouse policy

- Hemp Research Registry: The Global Hemp Innovation Center works with the Vice President for Research to ensure all hemp-related activities follow current university policies, state and federal laws. Therefore, we ask that all Oregon State University faculty who are currently engaged or plan to engage in hemp research complete the Faculty Hemp Research Form.

- ODA Hemp License (Grower, Handler): The Global Hemp Innovation Center (GHIC) submits applications for hemp grower/handler permits to the ODA on behalf of university locations/researchers. Please check with Kristin Rifai, GHIC Administrator, to find out if your location is covered. She will send you a copy of the registration for your location or submit an application to ODA on your behalf.

- OSU On-Farm Research: OSU Faculty doing research on private farms should ensure the farm is certified by ODA to grow hemp; and complete and sign the OSU Hemp Certification Form. Send the completed, signed document to hemp@oregonstate.edu. The faculty member should complete the hemp research form.