

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.

- Hazardous Hemp-Related Waste

Hazardous hemp-related waste is considered hazardous waste when hemp material 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](#).

- 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 of each constituent.

- Hemp Plant Material

Failure to follow the below instructions may result in a civil penalty and/or registration revocation of ODA license or denial of ODA license.

Process steps for disposal of hemp plant material on the Corvallis Campus:

1. Within 14 days of determining hemp plant material waste will be disposed, you must contact the Global Hemp Innovation Center (GHIC) to complete Sections 1 and 2, Cannabis Disposal Request on the [ODA Cannabis Waste and Disposal Report form](#) , GHIC will submit electronically the request to ODA **at least seven days before the proposed destruction date**.
2. Once you have received notification from GHIC of written ODA approval, prepare your materials for pickup, take 2-3 photos or video of this preparation, and submit a [waste pickup request](#) and email the ODA Cannabis Waste and Disposal form to hazardouswaste@oregonstate.edu.
3. EH&S will pick up the plant material, compact it into a 55-gallon drum and send it off for incineration. Send your photos, date of disposal, and information for completion of Sections 3-4 to GHIC who will complete Sections 3 and 4 on the form and resubmit to ODA along with photos.
4. EH&S will notify GHIC on the disposal.

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5. You must send your information to GHIC so they can resubmit the same form with completed Sections 3 and 4 **within seven dates after disposal**. GHIC will keep the forms and any documentation of disposal for at least three years from the date of disposal.

Process steps for disposal of hemp plant material at off-campus locations:

1. Within 14 days of determining hemp plant material is waste, you must contact GHIC to complete Sections 1 and 2, Cannabis Disposal Request on the [ODA Cannabis Waste and Disposal Report form](#). GHIC will submit the form electronically to ODA for approval **at least seven days before the proposed destruction date**.
2. GHIC will send you notification of ODA hemp disposal approval. Do not destroy hemp materials until you have been notified by GHIC of ODA approval.
3. On disposal day, you must document disposal via 2-3 photos per grow site or by video and send to GHIC the information to complete Sections 3 and 4 of the form.
4. GHIC will resubmit the same form with completed Sections 3 and 4 **within seven days after disposal** and keep the forms and any documentation of disposal for at least three years from the date of disposal.

- Non-Compliant Hemp Plant Material

Non-compliant hemp plant material is hemp that is greater than 0.3% THC on a dry weight basis and is considered marijuana. 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 the online [waste pickup form](#). 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, or to 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.

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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: GHIC 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 Research License: GHIC manages the single Hemp Research License for all of OSU through collaboration with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) on behalf of university locations/researchers. Please check with Kristin Rifai, GHIC Administrator, to find out if your location is covered and with whom to coordinate your research activities.
- OSU On-Farm Research: OSU Faculty doing research on private farms should ensure the farm is licensed by the ODA to grow hemp; and the grower is to complete and sign the [OSU Hemp Certification Form](#). Send the completed, signed document to hemp@oregonstate.edu. The faculty member should complete the Faculty [Hemp Research Form](#).