
HAZARDOUS WASTE DETERMINATION PLAN

The Bangor School Department recognizes that certain chemicals, chemical wastes, and by-products of processes are hazardous waste, and proper identification of such is necessary for the health and safety of employees and students.

“WASTE” means any useless, unwanted, or discarded substance or material, whether or not such substance or material has any other or future use and includes any substance or material that is spilled, leaked, pumped, poured, emitted, disposed, emptied, or dumped onto the land or into the water or ambient air. This definition includes, without being limited to, materials which are used in a manner constituting disposal, burned for energy recovery, reclaimed or accumulated speculatively.

The following steps will be utilized by all personnel to identify hazardous materials. The Bangor School Department will provide adequate training to ensure compliance.

**ALL WASTES GENERATED BY THE BANGOR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
ARE TO BE CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS
UNTIL PROVEN OTHERWISE**

1. Examine the label for product name, ingredients, manufacturer, and warnings.
2. Read the Material Safety Data Sheet - MSDS Sheets are required.
3. Compare the product information with the lists and characteristics in Chapter 850 of the Hazardous Waste Rules. Wastes that exhibit any of the following characteristics are hazardous wastes: Ignitability, Corrosivity, Reactivity, or Toxicity. Also wastes that are identified by particular substance, by chemical class, or as waste products of specific industrial activities, commonly referred to as “listed” wastes, are hazardous waste.

The Bangor School Department will provide copies of Chapter 850 of the Hazardous Waste Rules.

4. Compare product or by-product with the Bangor School Department inventory and compiled list of known wastes. Each academic department, as applicable, along with the Maintenance Department, will compile a list of known wastes or wastes created as the result of a process. An example of this would be science experiments.
5. Refer to Chapter 161 of Maine School Law which is attached for definitions and other available resources.
6. Contact the Department of Environmental Protection or the contractor utilized by the department for disposal. Contact with outside agencies is only necessary if the above steps fail to determine if a compound is in fact hazardous.
7. Once a waste has been determined to be hazardous, the Bangor School Department must comply with Waste Management Rules, Chapters 850-857 including but not limited to:
 - a. Keep containers of waste closed, except when removing or adding.



- b. Mark or label all containers of hazardous waste with the words “Hazardous Waste,” the container start date and full date.
- c. Containers of hazardous waste cannot be kept for longer than 180 days beyond the full date.

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