Spring Cleaning

Overview
Do you have items in your laboratory that you need get rid of? Do you feel the need to clean your laboratory but do not know where to discard unwanted items? Below is a list of items and locations to discard possible unwanted items in your laboratory.

Broken Glass Containers

Details:
- Large and small glass disposal boxes can be purchased in the chemistry central stockroom
- When box is full, place outside your laboratory door and custodial will pick them up
- An alternative method is to use a cardboard box and then tape the box shut when full and clearly label the box as broken glass and place outside your door for custodial
- A dumpster key can be obtained from the chemistry central stockroom and you can throw your broken glassware in the dumpster

Empty 20 L Drums

Details:
- Empty 20 liter metal drums can be placed upside down on a pallet located on the loading dock. The cap should be off of the drum
- Empty 20 liter plastic drums can be placed directly into the dumpster with the cap off

Laboratory Assessments

Laboratory Assessments are when two employees of the chemistry stockroom visit each individual lab and access the lab with a premade checklist. This assessment happens a couple times a year and the results are shared with the lab’s PI. Make sure to look at this assessment and clean up any areas of concern. This assessment will help prepare you for when a real inspector will show up at your lab. By keeping your labs clean, you can keep you and others safe as well as avoid potential fines.

Biohazardous Materials

- All biohazardous materials need to be placed in a designated biohazardous waste container
- Red biohazard bags must be placed inside yellow container
- All sharps i.e. needles, blades, and scalpels need to be placed in an approved sharps container
Glass Chemical Bottles

**Details:**
- Glass should not be thrown away in trash cans in the Benson building.
- Chemical glass containers should only be thrown away if they contain less than 3% of the original amount and if they are not a “P-Listed Chemical.”
- “P-Listed Chemicals” can be found on the safety tab at chem.byu.edu.
- A dumpster key can be obtained from the chemistry central stockroom and you can throw your empty glassware in the dumpster.

Empty Ink Cartridges

**Details:**
- Empty ink cartridges can be brought to the instrument shop at NICB 285.

Miscellaneous Items

**Details:**
- Batteries, lightbulbs, aerosols, thermometers, and other miscellaneous items bring to the stockroom (NICB 126) to be discarded.
- If you have unwanted material that is still in working condition, bring it to the stockroom and they will find a new location for it.
- If you have any questions about where to discard unwanted lab items, ask Matthew Allen.