

LAB SAFETY NEWSLETTER



REMINDER: Short skirts and pants (including Capri pants) and sandals are prohibited in Creighton labs. This is to protect your feet and legs in case of dropped objects or chemicals. Dress for the hazards of your location.



ETHANOL WASTE As a reminder, waste ethanol in concentrations over 24% by volume are hazardous waste and *must* be disposed of as hazardous waste, due to its flammability. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

CHEMICAL RECYCLING One of our labs now has the ability to recycle ethanol, xylene, or formaldehyde for your use, saving both money and resources. Please contact Winston Yapp at WinstonYapp@creighton.edu or 280-3976 for more information on how *your* excess chemicals can be recycled.

NEXT LAB SAFETY TRAINING:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, May 31	1:30 pm	Criss L57
Monday, June 4	9:30 am	Criss L57

Please remember that *everyone* in the lab needs to attend our Annual Lab Safety Training, regardless of employment status, if you have not attended one of our sessions yet in 2007. This includes people working in our labs that are not necessarily employees, but are doing research as a part of their schooling, are in a special summer program, are doing volunteer work in a lab, etc.

TORNADO SAFETY It's that time of year again, when the possibility of severe weather, including tornadoes, is very high. Do you know where your storm shelter is? Please check our website to see the list of where the shelters are; know where to go in your area *before* the storm hits!

BIOHAZARD BAGS As a reminder, *only* items that are biohazardous should be put into the **red** or **orange** biohazard bags. Biohazardous items must then be disposed of through our vendor, Stericycle. Biohazard bags that have been autoclaved can be placed in the designated trash bins for removal. Please **do not** put regular trash into these bags or put them into the regular trash. Our hazardous waste vendor and custodians will not accept items in biohazard bags.

NEXT HAZARDOUS WASTE PICKUPS:

August 2007
November 2007
February 2008

FIRE SAFETY REMINDER:

**Use the stairs to evacuate, not the elevator.
You might become trapped in the elevator
during a fire.**

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