



Photographic Waste

Discarded film and spent fixer contain silver and pose a potential threat to the environment if improperly discarded. Silver waste should be managed through recycling.

Correct:

- ✓ Recycle all discarded film. Separate the film by type (microfiche, photoprocessing, or x-ray). Place each type of material in a separate box or container.
- ✓ Label the containers as to the film type such as “X-Ray film for Recycle”.
- ✓ Request a pick-up of your film here at https://itsapps.unc.edu/HazMat_Pickup/NonPI
- ✓ Do ensure that your department has a program in place to filter your photo or x-ray effluent by adding a silver filter, if applicable.
- ✓ If you have large amounts of fixer waste to collect, contact EHS. We can supply a pail or drum for accumulation.

Incorrect:

- ✗ Do Not allow spent fixer to be disposed into any drains.
- ✗ Do Not place discarded film into the garbage.