



# SAFETY ALERT

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DISPOSING OF EXPIRED CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

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Los Angeles Unified Schools and other District facilities routinely use chemical products for science laboratories, shop classes, and maintenance activities. Only authorized chemical products that have been reviewed and approved by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) may be utilized. This includes donated materials. A list of chemical products approved for District use may be accessed on the OEHS website at <https://achieve.lausd.net/oehschemeval>.

Once a chemical product reaches its end use, or expiration date or has degraded so that it can no longer be used, it must be lawfully disposed of as hazardous waste per local, state, and federal regulations. Chemical products that show signs of crystallization or unusual precipitation, are discolored, become cloudy or are compromised should be disposed of as hazardous waste even if they are not past the expiration date. Schools and offices may be subject to citations and significant fines for the improper management, storage, and disposal of chemical products.

Expired or degraded chemical products must be taken out of inventory immediately. This includes hand sanitizers and disinfectants that were distributed to schools and facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Chemicals that are to be disposed of as hazardous waste must be placed in a separate container, sealed securely, and properly labeled by affixing a hazardous waste label to the container. Prior to pick-up, containers are to be stored in the designated hazardous storage area. Please refer to [Reference Guide 4149.2: Disposal Procedures for Hazardous Waste and Universal Waste](#) for more detailed instructions and information.

To submit a hazardous waste pick-up request to OEHS the Plant Manager must submit a Work Order through the Plant Manager's Kiosk Application for "Hazardous Waste Pick-up". For sites with no access to Kiosk or a Plant Manager, please fill out a [Hazardous Waste Pick up Request Form](#) and email it to OEHS at [hazwaste@lausd.net](mailto:hazwaste@lausd.net). OEHS will pick-up the hazardous waste within 21 calendar days.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [OEHSQuestions@lausd.net](mailto:OEHSQuestions@lausd.net), (213) 241-3199 or visit our website at <https://achieve.lausd.net/oehs>.

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