

# Thank you for participating in the School Chemical Disposal Program!

Thank you for your part in helping to make Oklahoma school laboratories a safer place to learn.

The Department of Environmental Quality's top priority is to protect the citizens of Oklahoma.

Improper or deferred disposal of outdated and dangerous chemicals not only pose a threat to students and teachers but also has the potential to cost the school hundreds of thousands of dollars in cleanup costs if not done properly. Proper management of chemicals is the key to keeping Oklahoma's school laboratories safe.



## What if my School Needs an Additional Disposal?

The Department of Environmental Quality's School Chemical Disposal Program is a free *one-time* disposal of unused or outdated laboratory chemicals. If your school requires additional disposals, it is the responsibility of the school to cover any costs associated with the removal.

A Statewide contract exists for routine hazardous waste disposal and can be used for these services. For more information on the statewide hazardous waste contract and how to use this service, please contact the Central Purchasing Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES).

[http://www.ok.gov/DCS/Central\\_Purchasing/](http://www.ok.gov/DCS/Central_Purchasing/)

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## How to Prevent Problems in the Future:

In order to prevent a stockpile of unused chemicals, the DEQ recommends the following:

- Use reduced-scale or small-scale chemistry in classrooms and laboratories
- Only purchase small quantities of chemicals that will be used
- Keep your chemical inventory up to date
- Keep storage of chemicals locked
- Ensure proper storage of all chemicals
- Ensure chemical containers are in good condition and the label is legible
- Ensure bottle labels have the chemical name, formula, date of purchase, and expiration date
- Properly dispose of all expired, old, and excess chemicals, as well as chemicals whose container may be compromised.
- Delegate the above tasks to only those knowledgeable in chemistry

More information and resources can be found on our website:

<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/scap/SCAP%20Webpage/SchoolChems.html>

# Site Cleanup Assistance Program



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