

Reducing Pollution from Dumpsters

Standard Operating Procedure

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Applies To: University of Michigan faculty, staff, students, and volunteers placing items in dumpsters.

Dumpsters are a common source of pollutants, especially when they contain damp or oily wastes. Never place liquids into a dumpster. Pour consumable products, such as pop and coffee, and household products down the sanitary drain. For all other liquid waste, contact Hazardous Materials Management at (734) 763-4568 for collection.

To reduce pollution from dumpsters:

- Place dumpsters on concrete surfaces
- Keep the lids on dumpsters tightly closed
- Build a shelter over dumpsters
- Repair or replace dumpsters that leak
- Post signs to remind others to dispose of waste properly