



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
AND SAFETY

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**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL FACT SHEET**  
**Aerosol Can Disposal**

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The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) has determined that used aerosol cans (including empty aerosol cans) must be handled as hazardous waste. Therefore:

- All used/unwanted/empty aerosol cans must be collected. Examples of used aerosol cans include but are not limited to: compressed air dusters, WD-40, spray paint, hair spray, whipped cream and cooking spray.
- Store empty/unwanted aerosol cans in closed, labeled containers. Label the containers, "*Used Aerosol Cans*".

NOTE: Used compressed gas cylinders (lecture bottles, butane and propane) are not aerosol cans and **must not** be included with the used aerosol cans. Please have them tagged for pick up separately.

- When a container is full, place the aerosol cans in a bag (double or triple bag if necessary), complete and attach a chemical collection tag to the bag. If the bag is within the container, remove bag from container prior to pick-up. Contact EHS for pick-up and disposal.
- **Requests for pick-ups can be submitted on-line at:**  
[Chemical Waste Pick-up Request](#)

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