



**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
AND SAFETY**

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**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL FACT SHEET  
Solvent Contaminated Towels or Rags (Wipers)**

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The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) regulates the disposal of certain solvent contaminated wipers in Title 128 - Nebraska Hazardous Waste Regulations, Chapters 2 & 3. Wipers contaminated with solvent may or may not be regulated depending on the solvent used and may need to be tested prior to disposal.

If you have wipers contaminated with any of the following solvents, the wipers must be collected, properly stored and tagged with a chemical collection tag for pickup and disposal. EHS shall be notified for pickup and disposal.

Acetone	Butyl alcohol	Carbon disulfide
Carbon tetrachloride	Cyclohexanone	Chlorobenzene
Chloroform	Cresol	Cresol,0-
Cresol,m-	Cresol,p-	Cresylic acid
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	1,2-Dichloroethane	1,1-Dichloroethylene
2,4-Dinitrotoluene	2-Ethoxyethanol	Ethyl acetate
Ethyl benzene	Ethyl ether	Ethylene chloride
Hexachlorobenzene	Hexachlorobutadiene	Hexachloroethane
Isobutanol	Methanol	Methyl ethyl ketone
Methyl isobutyl ketone	Methylene chloride	Nitrobenzene
2-Nitropropane	Ortho-dichlorobenzene	Pyridine
Tetrachloroethylene	Toluene	1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	Trichloroethylene
Trichlorofluoromne	Vinyl chloride	Xylene

Wipers containing these solvents, or wipers that would be considered flammable due to the solvent on them, should be stored in a closed and labeled container (Used wipers). When the container is full, fill out a chemical collection tag, contact EHS for pickup and disposal. Requests for pick-ups can be submitted on-line at: [Chemical Waste Pick-up Request](#)

Wipers containing ethanol or solvents not on this list and not expected to contain heavy metals, that dry during the process of using them are not regulated. If the wipers are still wet and could possibly be flammable after using them, or may contain heavy metals, then they are regulated. You cannot put wipers in the fume hood to dry in order to make them non-regulated.

If the used wipers are being sent to a commercial cleaner or laundry for washing and reuse, they may be regulated. Please contact EHS immediately for guidance.

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