WASTE HANDLING CONSIDERATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION PROJECTS

The University is ultimately responsible for ensuring that waste materials encountered during construction and demolition projects are identified and managed appropriately. Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) should be contacted (412-624-9505 or safety@ehs.pitt.edu) to coordinate and manage the handling and disposal of the specialized waste streams identified below. This list is not all-inclusive.

- Paints, varnishes, solvents, sealers, adhesives, lubricants, etc.
- Laboratory/maintenance chemicals
- Aerosol cans/compressed gas cylinders
- Asbestos-containing materials (floor tile, insulation, etc.)
- Remediated lead-based paint
- Mercury containing thermostats/switches, pressure gauges, float switches
- Fluorescent light bulbs/lamps
- PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) containing capacitors/transformers
- All lamp ballasts
- Electronics/laboratory equipment
- Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) containing equipment (air conditioners, water fountains, refrigerators, freezers, etc.)
- Storage tanks/pressure vessels

EH&S will utilize existing vendors and approved disposal/recycling facilities for the handling of the “specialized” waste streams identified above.