

SOLVENT CONTAMINATED ITEMS

This briefing applies to businesses that use solvents and shop towels, cleaning rags, pads, socks, mats, wipes or other items. These items are considered "solvent contaminated" and may be considered hazardous waste.

ARE MY SOLVENT CONTAMINATED ITEMS HAZARDOUS WASTE?

HAZARDOUS

If you do not reuse your solvent contaminated items, they are hazardous waste provided they exhibit one or more hazardous characteristics such as ignitability or toxicity.

NOT HAZARDOUS

If you are able to reuse your solvent contaminated items, they are not hazardous waste **provided** they are managed as described below.

HOW SHOULD I MANAGE MY SOLVENT CONTAMINATED ITEMS?

- Solvent contaminated items should not be dripping with solvent.
- Store solvent contaminated rags, etc. in a covered container away from sources or ignition. Containers should be clearly labeled "**Dirty Solvent Rags Only**".
- Do not place different types of solvent contaminated material into the same container.
- Do not put other waste in a container of solvent contaminated items.
- Cloth wipes can be sent to a laundry for cleaning and re-use. You must have a contractual agreement for this service.

DO NOT DISPOSE OF SOLVENT CONTAMINATED ITEMS INTO THE TRASH!