1. Purpose and Objectives
This procedure supports the University of Queensland Chemical Waste Operating Procedure and applies to the collection of chemical waste at the St Lucia campus.

2. Definitions, Terms, Acronyms
Chemical Waste – Any waste generated from the use of chemicals in medical, dental, veterinary and laboratory procedures that has the potential to pose a chemical threat to health, safety and/or the environment, or is chemically hazardous.

3. Procedures Scope/Coverage
This procedure applies to all staff and students involved in the generation of chemical waste and/or the collection, transport, storage and disposal of chemical wastes at the St Lucia campus.

4. Procedures Statement
This procedure provides site specific work instructions for the collection of chemical wastes, including collection/delivery times and areas, specific to the St Lucia campus. Other related details specific to the St Lucia campus are also outlined in this procedure.

5. Collection of Chemical Waste
5.1 Collection Times
Chemical waste is collected every week day at the St Lucia campus, generally in the afternoon.

If you generate large volumes of waste, additional pick-ups may be arranged by contacting the Chemical Store: chemwaste@uq.edu.au.
5.1 Collection/Delivery Areas

Waste containers will be collected from a nominated area at the ground level of each building as soon as practicable after request. Please check with your Workplace Health & Safety Officer to identify this location.

If your section does not have a ground floor area, please contact the University Chemical Store to arrange a suitable pick-up area.

Empty waste containers and labels ordered through the Chemical Store will also be delivered to the nominated area for pick-up by those who have requested them.

6. Contacts

Refer to the University Chemical Store website to request chemical waste containers and labels:


Ensure you have an up to date profile before you submit your request. Enter the waste details in the ‘comments’ field if you cannot select the substance from the list. Further advice on using the online Chemical Store is available via the Guidelines for Clients link, once you have logged in.

For queries and assistance, please email chemwaste@uq.edu.au.