

# UNKNOWN MATERIALS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Every effort should be made to properly mark/label containers of hazardous materials.

## POTENTIAL HAZARDS

Unmarked/unlabeled containers and chemicals pose a great risk to personnel and the environment. Unmarked/unlabeled containers are a violation of safety and environmental regulations and may result in safety and environmental violations and fines.

## WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

Chemical identification/characterization must be made prior to proper disposal. Analytical testing of unknown materials is expensive. Every effort must be made to properly identify the contents of any unmarked/unlabeled containers to avoid this unnecessary expense. Unknown materials must be managed as a HAZARDOUS WASTE until a proper identification can be made.

## HANDLING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

**Step 1:** Make every attempt to identify possible contents.

**Step 2:** If unable to identify the material/chemical, manage the material as a HAZARDOUS WASTE and contact the DPW Environmental Division Compliance Inspections Program for analytical testing.



For more info contact: DPW Environmental Compliance Inspections Program.