

PCS HAZARDOUS WASTE UPDATE.

CHEMICAL AND LABORATORY REAGENT DISPOSAL PROCEDURE.

Chemicals, like other types of waste can be harmful to human health and to the environment, either immediately or over an extended period of time. Chemical waste, like other hazardous wastes, need to be disposed of safely, and consigned in accordance with the Hazardous Waste Regulations.

Chemical Waste should not be placed in clinical, pharmaceutical, offensive or municipal waste streams for disposal. Even though the amounts may be minimal they must be segregated and packaged according to transport classification and chemical compatibilities. Mixing of chemicals is prohibited, and reference should be made to the manufacturers safety data sheet (SDS) for product information, hazardous properties as well as disposal requirements (available from your chemical/reagents supplier).

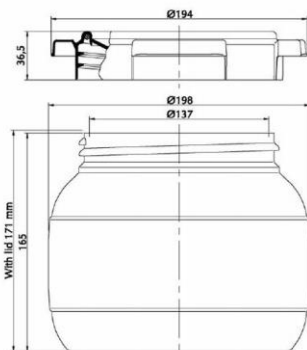
Below are some of the most common chemicals and laboratory reagents used within the veterinary sector:

- Formaldehyde
- Sodalime
- Formalin
- Chloroform
- Hydrochloric Acid
- Sodium Hypochlorite
- Ethanol
- Sodium Azide
- Diff Quik

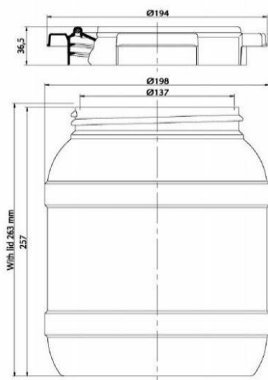
Please note this list is not exhaustive, and should you have any other waste chemicals/reagents for disposal, please contact your usual PCS crematorium for assistance.

With effect 1st January, 2022 PCS will introduce 3 new containers specifically for the collection and disposal of chemical waste (as shown below).

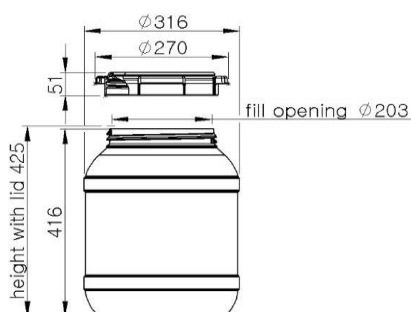
3.6 litre keg product code: CHEM3 (white with red screw top lid) neck 137mm height 171mm width/diameter 198mm.



6.4 litre keg product code: CHEM6 (white with red screw top lid) neck 137mm height 263mm width/diameter 198mm.



26 litre keg product code: CHEM 26 (white with red screw top lid) neck 270mm height 425 mm width/diameter 316mm. maximum fill weight 15 kilos.



Please note that whatever you are placing into them, has to fit through the neck of the container therefore, we have also included the actual dimensions of each container for your perusal so you can make sure that you order the correct size.

The items are available to order as single units, are UN approved and supplied with the necessary labels displaying the relevant UN number, hazard properties, as well as any warning signs specified on the product Safety Data Sheet (SDS) together with an address label.

➤ **Order Instructions**

Should your practice need to dispose of chemical/laboratory reagents, please refer to the following procedure:

1. Contact your designated PCS crematorium

- Email: via your usual contact email address
- Telephone: via your usual contact number when your order will be taken by a member of staff.

Please note: online ordering via the web portal is currently not available for this product.

2. Supply the following information:

- a) Full name of the product as shown on the original product container
- b) The manufacturer
- c) Quantity to be disposed (litres/kilos)
- d) Size of container required
- e) Number of container(s) required

➤ **Delivery**

The chemical container will be delivered to your practice within 15 working days.

➤ **Collection Instructions**

- **DO NOT DECANT CHEMICALS FROM THEIR ORIGINAL PACKAGING**
- Reference should be made to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for any special handling requirements as well as any personal protective equipment (PPE) recommendations
- Place the product into the container

PLEASE NOTE: WHEN USING MULTIPLE CONTAINERS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF VARIOUS CHEMICALS, CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE CHEMICAL IS PLACED IN THE RIGHT CONTAINER WHICH MATCHES THE CHEMICAL DESCRIPTION SHOWN ON THE CONTAINER LABEL. Please see the example below **(highlighted green)**

- Ensure container lid is tightly closed
- Enter the weight of the container (in kilos) in the space provided on the address label **(highlighted blue below)**.

Name: ABC Vets Address: 123 Another Street Anywhere Nationwide. Postcode: AA11 1AA EWC code(s) 18.02.05 Chemical: Sodalime Hazard Properties: HP5 HP8 Weight (in kilos):	Details in RED will be Completed by PCS staff prior to delivery to the practice. (Weight of container only) this section to be completed by the waste producer (practice) prior to collection.
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- Once the container is ready for collection it can be placed in the usual designated waste area awaiting collection.