

Aerosol Can Management



Types

Aerosol spray cans are utilized across campus in activities that support NC State's teaching and research mission. These cans come in many shapes and sizes and may contain items including paint, solvents, food products, adhesives and cleaning products.

Handling and Storage Requirements

- Handle aerosol cans with care and avoid puncturing or crushing them. Use in well-ventilated areas and wear appropriate protective gear, as specified in the Safety Data Sheet.
- Keep aerosol cans away from open flames, sparks, hot surfaces, heat, or any other ignition sources to prevent fire hazards.
- Store aerosol cans in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, away from direct sunlight and heat sources. Avoid stacking cans too high to prevent tipping or crushing.

Disposal

Aerosol cans contain chemicals that can be harmful to people and the environment if not disposed of properly. **At NC State, the disposal of aerosol cans in the trash is not permitted.** All unwanted aerosol cans (unused, partially used, damaged, and empty) must be collected as hazardous waste through the EHSA system.

To properly submit aerosol cans for collection:

1. Visit go.ncsu.edu/ehsa
2. Log in using your credentials or register if needed.
3. Submit a pickup request, clearly defining the type of pickup request as aerosol can.

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