



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

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### HAZARDOUS MATERIAL FACT SHEET Hand Sanitizer

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Most hand sanitizers (both gel and foam) contain both ethyl and isopropyl alcohols as the sterilizing/drying agents. Alcohol is flammable and regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as hazardous waste when the flash point is less than 140 degrees Fahrenheit.

The safety data sheet on the most common hand sanitizer on campus indicates that the flashpoint is around 77°F, therefore regulated by the EPA. Please try to use up all hand sanitizer, but if you have excess, expired or unwanted hand sanitizer, it must be tagged with a chemical collection tag and given to EHS for proper disposal.

Empty bags or pump containers of hand sanitizer are not regulated and can be disposed as trash, even if some residue remains. A container is considered empty if it has been emptied (by normal means) and there is less than 3% product remaining.



EXAMPLES OF HAND SANITIZERS

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