

Floor Stripper and Wax Propper Management and Disposal

Floor Stripper is used in all University facilities to clean floors, remove old wax, and prepare floors for new wax. While the used material is nonhazardous, there are requirements pertaining to the preparation and subsequent disposal of the floor stripper and wax solutions to insure adherence to the University's wastewater contribution permit and storm water permit. These requirements are outlined in the steps below for preparation of floor stripper for use and disposal of used floor stripper / wax.

Preparation of Floor Stripper for Use:

Floor Stripper used at University facilities, in the concentrated form, is corrosive material and appropriate personal protective equipment as specified by the Occupational, Health and Safety department and the manufacturer should be worn. The manufacturer typically specifies that the floor stripper should be diluted as follows:

- 10 parts water : 1 part floor stripper for normal operations (5 gallons water and ½ gallon of floor stripper added to the mop bucket).
- 5 parts water : 1 part floor stripper for heavy cleaning areas (5 gallons water and 1 gallon floor stripper added to the mop bucket).

Manufacturer dilution rates should be followed at all times.

Disposal of Used Floor Stripper / Wax

USED FLOOR STRIPPER AND WAX MUST NEVER BE POURED INTO THE CAMPUS STORM DRAINS. IF IN DOUBT ABOUT WHETHER A DRAIN IS A STORM DRAIN CONTACT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT.



Appropriate disposal locations for the properly diluted, used floor stripper are:

The "slop" sinks located in the housekeeping rooms of the building.

The used floor stripper and wax solution may be poured down these sanitary sewer drains and followed by large amounts of water to flush the system.



Contact Environmental Quality Management Department at 323-6280 or kevin.lewis@uky.edu for further information and if in doubt regarding the appropriate drain.