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Disposal Compliance Approvals

Andreae Filters are non-hazardous and biodegradable. Loaded overspray collectors must be disposed of in the same manner as any paint-laden waste material. The proper disposal procedures are contained in OSHA Standard 1910.107, NFPA Standard 33 and the Code of Federal Regulations 40CFR63. Federal, state and local codes and regulations must also be followed in establishing where and how to dispose of this material.

The finisher must make the determination if the overspray collected is hazardous or not. This determination is made using 2 criteria: 1) Does the coating contain listed hazardous chemicals? 2) If not, is the coating flammable (flash point below 140 degrees), toxic and/or corrosive?

Read the coating labels and MSDS as they will indicate if the coating contains the regulated chemicals. If solvents are collected, they are considered both flammable and toxic. To determine if the paint used is non-toxic, a TCLP (Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure) test is required. This test determines if metals are present and can be performed at any chemical testing lab. If metals are present, the paint-laden filter is considered hazardous waste and requires disposal through a hazardous waste disposal service.

Check with your local Waste Management Authority to verify disposal regulations. Regulated disposal depends entirely on what kind of paint particles are collected by the filters. If the finisher is using a coating containing any of the hazardous chemicals listed by the EPA, or has characteristics that are flammable, toxic or corrosive, then the filter (regardless of media type) is considered hazardous waste.

- List of hazardous Air Pollutants: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/188polls.html>
- TCLP: <http://www.ehso.com/cssepa/TCLP.htm>

Andreae Team recommends placing filters in a water-filled metal container until they can be disposed of at the close of the day's operation or until such time that the disposal of the filters can be properly administered. Refer to NFPA 33, OSHA 1910.107, EPA regulations and city, state or local code enforcement for additional details.

Andreae Filters comply with disposal standards set forth by:

- EPA 40CFR63
- NFPA 33
- OSHA 1910.107
- SCAQMD