

## Aerosol Cans

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) considers aerosol cans at UNO to be hazardous waste when disposed. All unwanted aerosol cans--*even empty ones*--must be disposed via EHS. They must **NOT** be thrown in the garbage. This includes everything that comes in an aerosol can, such as paints, hair spray, deodorizer, contact cleaner, etc.

Following these simple rules will ensure compliance with applicable regulations:

- Do not throw away aerosol cans in the garbage, even if they appear to be empty.
- All empty and unwanted aerosol cans must be placed inside a metal container with a lid.
  - If you use a lot of aerosol cans, contact EHS so that we can set you up with a collection drum in your immediate work area.
  - Place unwanted aerosol cans in a "Used Aerosols" drum supplied by your building. Contact EHS or building Custodians for drum locations.
  - Make sure the lid on the collection drum remains closed at all times.
- When the collection drum is about 3/4 full, call EHS at 4-3921. EHS will collect the cans and recycle them.
- If possible, try to *avoid* using aerosol cans. This will eliminate the need for special handling and disposal.

Waste Management Questions? Contact EHS at 4-3921 or E-mail [patrickwheeler@mail.unomaha.edu](mailto:patrickwheeler@mail.unomaha.edu).