

### **Chemical Clean-out Days are coming to a building near you!**

Summer is a good time to review chemical holdings in your lab, update inventories, and get expired or unwanted chemicals cleared out. EH&S and CoE Safety are teaming up to make removing unwanted chemicals easy. Over the summer, go through chemical inventories, setting aside unwanted chemicals in appropriate containers. On the following days, **from 8AM – 12PM**, anyone from the lab can bring them to these locations:

8/14 – Eng. Centers Bldg. room 2044

8/16 – Mech. Engineering Bldg. room B1143

8/21 – Eng. Research Bldg. room 1310 (also serving the MS&E Building)

8/23 – Eng. Hall room 4730 (also serving the 1410 Building)

You will not have to fill out the normally required Chemical Surplus Form or schedule pick up. Anyone from the lab can bring the chemicals in and a member of the EH&S Wastes Management team will handle documentation. EH&S does want any available information on unlabeled/unknown chemicals brought in.

### **Meet your EH&S Staff: Don Siebert**

Don Siebert is a Fire Safety Specialist with the Fire and Life Safety team. Fire and Life Safety checks over 13,000 fire extinguishers across the UW campus annually to ensure they are ready when needed. Don verifies the extinguishers are fully pressurized, free from damage, and weighed appropriately. If an extinguisher fails to meet these requirements, or is used during an incident, he ensures that it is replaced quickly. Each month, you will find him by the Maquina Fountain on Engineering Plaza providing fire extinguisher safety trainings where he teaches about the types of extinguishers in our buildings and how to use them correctly. Sign up to attend @ [FIRE SAFETY TRAINING](#).

### **Summer Water Safety**

Summer vacation often means beaches, pools and boating, but no matter where you live or what time of year, the importance of practicing safety around water cannot be overstated. It only takes a second for an accident to occur. According to the CDC, drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States.<sup>1</sup>

Here are three quick tips for safer times in the water:

- Make sure the body of water matches your skill level. Swimming in a pool is much different than swimming in the ocean, a lake or a river, where more strength and endurance is needed to handle currents, waves, or an undertow.
- Never swim alone.
- Never drink alcohol when swimming; among adolescents and adults, alcohol is involved in 70% of deaths associated with water recreation<sup>1</sup>.

Every day at the pool, lake, or ocean holds the possibility of fun times and good memories. All you need to add is your attention.

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