Storing Hazardous Chemicals

To store hazardous chemicals safely, always...

- ♦ Store all hazardous chemicals in tightly closed containers.
- ♦ Check storage containers regularly for leaks. Make sure caps and spouts are in good working order.
- ♦ Store acids and caustics away from each other.
- ♦ Clean up spills or leaks immediately, according to label instructions.

Flammables, including solvents, corrosives and oxidizers

- ♦ Store them in a temperature-controlled environment, away from other chemicals and combustible materials.
- O Dispense flammables and corrosives from safety-approved nozzles and dispensers only.
- Use grounding and bonding wires when transferring flammables from one container to another.
- Never smoke or use spark-producing equipment around flammables.

♦ Store oxidizers (any substance that causes fires easily) away from flammables and combustibles.

Reactives...

- Use extreme caution. Some explode on contact with air or from slight movements.
- ♦ Store them in temperature-controlled areas that do not vibrate or receive shocks.
- ♦ Avoid bumping or jostling containers.

