# **ENVIRONMENTAL MONTHLY GREEN SHARE**



# **Morenci Waste Handling**

**Drum & Container Management** 

#### What is a container?

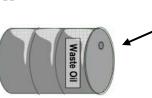
- <u>Any</u> portable device, in which a material is stored, transported, treated, disposed of, or otherwise handled.
- Includes such things as drums, buckets, roll offs, totes, and bottles.

#### **Drum Management**

| Practice  | Details  | Wrong |
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| Label all drums                                     | Labels should: 1. Face outward; 2. Be legible; and<br>3. Accurately identify the contents. If label is missing or<br>illegible contact Enviro Services to replace label. |       |
| Store drums off the ground                          | This helps prevent corrosion and identify leakage.   |       |
| Keep the drum closed                                | Lids and bungs must remain tightly secured except when<br>adding or removing material. This helps prevent<br>contamination inside the drum and accidental spillage.      |       |
| Regularly inspect all drums                         | Check for structural integrity (rust, bulges, leaks) and<br>proper labeling. Replacement containers can be picked<br>up from the Enviro Yard.                            |       |
| Check for potential <b>ponding</b>                  | If the drum is being stored on an impermeable surface,<br>make sure that water isn't able to pond around the base<br>of the drum.  |       |
| Drip pans are required for equipment & rack systems | A drip pan must be located <b>beneath each valve</b> to catch drips.   |       |
| Drip pan protocol                                   | Drip pans must: 1. Be labeled; and<br>2. Remain clean and empty (no free liquids – use<br>absorbent pads/pillows).   |       |

## **Closed Containers – What You Need To Know**

Containers must be managed in a manner that prevents spills and air emissions and must remain closed, except when necessary to add or remove waste. A container is considered closed when it is covered tightly.



A closed container, when tipped over, won't leak!

# Remember the Exception to the Labeling Rule

Drums/containers used to store tools and parts <u>do not need to be</u> <u>labeled</u> if the contents can be <u>visually inspected</u> and <u>no liquid</u> <u>accumulates</u> in the container.

## What if I Find an Unidentified Drum?

Label the container with:

- 1. Name of responsible dept./ shop
- 2. "Unknown" or "Unidentified Contents"

Do not handle unknown drums or containers. Contact Environmental Services so they can visually inspect the drum/container and determine the necessary steps prior to removal.

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