

WASTE DISPOSAL

Proper disposal of all waste is an important component of field activities. At no time will any waste be disposed of improperly. The proper methods of waste disposal are outlined below:

Routine Garbage

Regular garbage (paper towels, paper cups, etc.) is placed in trash containers on board the boats. It can then be disposed on land in public receptacles or recycled.

Detergent Washes

Biodegradable detergents are recommended for cleaning the Van Veen Grab, or deck.

Chemicals

Acetone, formalin, hexane and methylene chloride are hazardous materials and should be disposed of by following all appropriate regulations. They should never be disposed at sea.

Fish Waste

After each trawl catch has been processed completely, the remaining catch should be disposed of at sea. Discretion should be used. For sampling conducted nearshore or in bays and harbors, return only live fish and invertebrates to the area that trawling occurred. All of the remaining fish should be disposed of offshore. Under no circumstances should fish be given to the public.