

# UBC Hazardous Waste Reduction & Recycling

The amount of hazardous waste generated at UBC has seen a steady and significant decrease over the past years due in part to some innovative RMS programming and efforts from the UBC community.

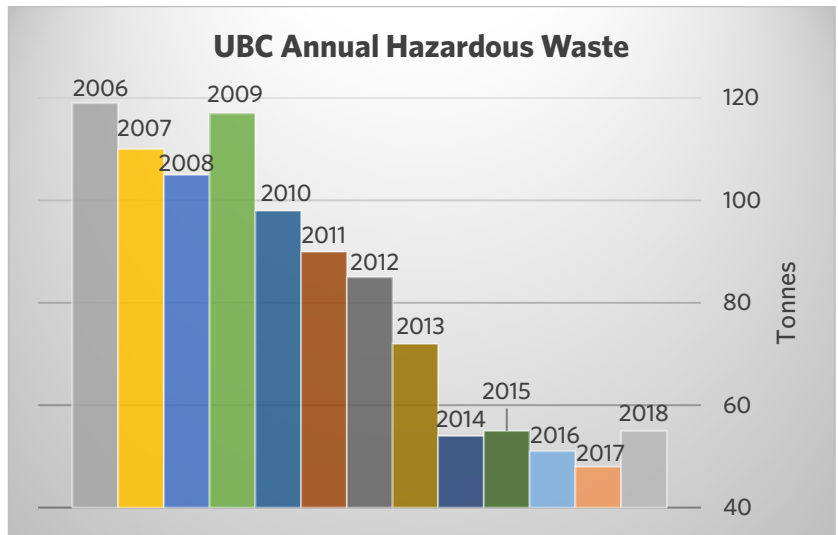
These trends are continuing and RMS is working hard with the research community at UBC to ensure every year the numbers reflect another decrease.

There was a 54% waste reduction in 2018 compared to 2006 and this reduction was largely achieved at the waste source - in UBC labs. Learn more about source reduction in the [Hazardous Waste Management Manual](#).

Hazardous waste minimization at UBC Point Gray Campus continued in 2018, with almost 40% waste recycled or treated. The main contributor was the RG1 & RG2 delisted/treated waste, reducing the hazardous waste by 25+ tonnes.

Furthermore, your active participation in all available recycling programs resulted in an additional hazardous waste reduction, of almost 11 tonnes in 2018.

We can all be proud of the amounts of waste reduced and recycled at UBC in 2018. Thanks to everyone who played a role! We look forward to even more waste reduction in 2019!



The graph above shows the trend of reducing hazardous waste at UBC. (Note: hazardous waste increased in 2009 compared to 2008 primarily due to lab waste generated during building renovations and decommissioning)

