

PROVIDE APPROVED METAL CONTAINER FOR OILY RAG STORAGE

CODE SECTIONS

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304.3.1 Spontaneous ignition. Materials susceptible to spontaneous ignition, such as oily rags, shall be stored in listed disposal container. Contents of such containers shall be removed and disposed of daily.

EXPLANATION

All rags that contain any combustible or flammable liquids must be stored in a metal can equipped with a tight fitting cover. The cover shall be tightly kept on the can at all times.

RATIONALE

Rags coated with flammable or combustible liquids such as linseed oil, thinners, and solvents have the potential to spontaneously ignite. Given this propensity for ignition, rags containing these liquids must be kept in a noncombustible can with a tight fitting, noncombustible lid. These containers will exclude the air necessary for combustion and also contain the fire should one ignite.