Empty Container:

Did the container previously hold a hazardous material?  

Yes  

Do you intend to reuse the container in the future to hold compatible waste?  

Yes  

Cross out the original label  

No  

This container is not regulated  

Is the volume of the container greater than 5 gallons or less?  

No  

Put a hazardous waste label on the container.  

Yes  

Did the container hold an acutely or extremely hazardous material?  

Yes  

The accumulation date = the date the container was emptied.  

No  

Will rinsing the container remove the hazard?  

Yes  

Rinse the container and manage the rinsate as hazardous waste  

No  

Remove the cap or lid and place the container in the trash  

An empty container has the following characteristics:  

- Not one drop of material can be removed by tilting or inverting the container.  
- Solid and semi-solid material cannot be feasibly removed by scrapping or chipping.  
- Aerosols – Contents and propellant are used to maximum extent feasible under normal use.  

To properly use the empty container flow chart, the container must be truly empty. Not a drop of liquid, or any solid residue that could be scraped out, may be present.