

URI Petri Plate Policy

Plastic culture plates are to be collected and autoclaved in clear bags marked with autoclave tape. If tape is black-striped and the contents have melted and fused and are unrecognizable, the bag may be disposed to the trash.

What is in a Biohazard Box:

Contaminated waste including but not limited to:

- Plastic culture flasks
- Plastic Elisa plates and other contaminated plastics
- Animal waste: carcasses, body parts and infectious bedding
- Human blood and body fluids but not including feces, urine or vomit
- Items dripping or caked with human blood or body fluids i.e. operating room waste
- Sharps containers
- No items that are sharp are to be placed in box. Sharp items are to be placed in a **SHARPS** box. This includes: hard plastic and glass pipettes, contaminated glass dishes, blades, needles etc.

Red or Orange biohazard bags must be disposed as Biohazard Waste

Non-Recyclable Glassware:

- Broken lab glassware that has been cleaned of chemical
- Clean glass scintillation vials
- All clean lab glassware to be disposed
- Empty bottles that once held chemicals that are completely poured off of all chemical (if waste is a p-listed or FIFRA waste it must be triple rinsed, collect the rinsate for chemical waste removal, empty bottle is then acceptable to non-recyclable glassware trash)
- No infectious materials

Disposing Lab Glassware

- **Use a sturdy cardboard box that will seal tightly**
- **When the box is full of cleaned non-recyclable glass, close and tape tightly**
- **Write on outside of the box NON-RECYCLABLE GLASS FOR DISPOSAL**
- **You must gently place the box into the dumpster outside**
- **Custodians will not remove non-recyclable glass, it is your responsibility for removal**

If the plastic items are *not infectious*, they can be rendered unrecognizable and placed in the trash. Rendering unrecognizable would be crushing or compacting. These items would be handled as non-recyclable broken glassware if still sharp, otherwise they can go into the trash.

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RI REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

The purpose of the regulations are to:

- Protect the public health and the environment from the effects of improper management of medical waste through the assurance of proper, adequate and sound management of regulated medical waste.
- To establish comprehensive standards and procedures governing the generation, transportation, storage, treatment, destruction and disposal of regulated medical waste.
- Regulated Medical Waste as it pertains to URI includes: Cultures and stocks of infectious agents and associated biologicals, infectious pathological wastes, infectious human blood, body fluids and blood products that are liquid in form, and/or saturated with human blood or body fluids, sharps, animal waste that has been known to have been exposed to infectious agents during research, Isolated wastes, unused sharps, spill/cleanup material and any mixtures of the above wastes. These wastes are never discarded in regular trash.

SHARPS for SHARP BOX

Sharps are collected and stored in a SHARPS container .

Loose sharps are never put into a biohazard box. The Sharps box is placed in the biohazard box.

These wastes are never discarded in regular trash.

- Microscope slides
- Pasteur pipettes
- Contaminated culture tubes
- Needles
- Scalpel blades
- Blood vials
- Needles with attached tubing
- Glass carpules
- Glass culture dishes
- Knives
- Lancets
- IV drips
- Unused sharps



Instructions for Packaging Biohazard Waste

- Place biomedical waste in rigid container that is lined with a red biohazard bag (all bags and boxes are provided by SRM).
- Sealed Sharps boxes are placed inside biohazard box.
- Ensure packaged waste is within weight limits indicated on container. (Try not to exceed 35 lbs.)
- When bag is full, double tape.
- Label outer bag with the URI ID labels provided by SRM.
- Securely close container; triple tape all seams.
- Call SRM to schedule a pick-up at 874-2618.
- Animals and their waste should remain frozen until pick-up is scheduled.

SRM is responsible for retrieval, transport, and disposal of all biological waste from laboratories.

If a container is leaking, improperly packaged, improperly labeled, containing loose sharps or weighs greater than the weight limits, SRM reserves the right not remove the box.

Biohazard waste is removed by SRM biweekly. Call SRM for a schedule.

To obtain a Biohazard Waste box, red liner bag and URI ID label, please call SRM at 874-2618.