

Biohazardous Waste Disposal Guidelines



Needle Disposal Only!

All needles should be disposed of into this container. This includes unused or clean needles that need to be discarded. Scalpels should also be discarded in these containers.

Requires special disposal processes. When full, replace container and inform Laboratory Coordinator.



Biohazardous Sharps Waste (Large container)

Contaminated glass or hard plastic, Broken contaminated glass or hard plastic

Examples: Slides and coverslips, Capillary Pipets

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Other Biohazardous Waste

Items saturated with whole blood or blood components, blood specimens, semen, vaginal secretions, and body fluids visibly contaminated with blood. Pourable amounts of blood or body fluids should be discarded through the sewer system (WI Administrative Code NR 526.11.2.d,e)

Examples: Emptied blood tubes, blood saturated gauze, Microbiology Cultures Waste is autoclaved before disposal.



Garbage

Non-biohazardous Waste

Examples: Gloves, towels, gauze, plasticware, intact glassware

Not for Disposal of Biohazardous Wastes!



Broken Glass

Broken, non-biohazardous waste glass or hard plastics

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For Additional Information, please contact University Safety and Risk Assurances, x6339