

BIOHAZARD WASTE DISPOSAL CHART

(UNC Research Laboratories)

For special circumstances, please contact EHS @ 962-5507

SHARPS

Razor blades, scalpels, lancets, syringes with/without needles, slide covers, specimen tubes, inoculating loops, stirring devices, broken glass

Collect in red plastic sharps containers bearing biohazard symbol and "x" with indicator tape.



RESEARCH LAB/ CLINIC PIPETTING

PIPETTES

Puncture resistant, outer container bearing the biohazard symbol ("x" with indicator tape) lined with orange autoclave bag ("x" over biohazard symbol before lining).



Small bench top biohazard bag with indicator tape "x".



Dispose with pipettes or solid waste

SOLIDS

Culture dishes & flasks, Petri dishes, solid waste cultures/stocks from the production of biological, gloves, gowns, masks, shoe covers, and any other solid materials potentially contaminated with biohazardous material

Biohazard waste collection container (red, hard-walled, closeable) lined with an orange autoclave bag bearing "x" over biohazard symbol.



LIQUIDS

Human blood, animal blood, human tissue culture, body fluids, liquid growth media

Was liquid waste used for propagating microbes/viral vectors/toxins?

NO

Dispose of down the sink with copious amounts of water

YES

Autoclave or chemical disinfection with appropriate contact time, then dispose of down sanitary sewer

Apply to NC Medical Waste Division for approval of chemical disinfection if necessary. Contact EHS for guidance.

Autoclave with test indicator.



Disposal for removal by housekeeping.

