**General Procedure**

- Obtain red bags and boxes through EH&S.
- Line the designated biohazard bin/box with a red bag.
- When full, seal the bag with a knot or tape.
- When box is full or reaches 40 lbs., tape shut and label it with the date and appropriate waste category.
- Store box in designated area and contact EH&S for pick-up.
- Keep all waste streams separate. Don’t put sharps and pathological waste in the same box.

**Medical Waste**

American University’s Disposal Guidelines

- **Sharps**
  - Syringes, needles, scalpel blades, glass slides
  - *(A sharps container must be used)*

- **Animal Waste**
  - Animal tissue, bedding, or other animal waste potentially infected with a pathogen than causes disease in humans

- **Laboratory Waste**
  - Culture dishes, devices, PPE, and absorbents that potentially contain pathogenic organisms, blood, or bodily fluids

- **Biological & Pathological Waste**
  - Blood, bodily fluids, and human tissue

- **Wear Gloves**
- **Wash Hands**

*All infectious waste must be disposed of through Environmental Health and Safety: 202-885-2007*