



MEDICAL WASTE

American University's Disposal Guidelines

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.

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