Biological Waste Disposal

Biohazard Bins

Do not overfill bins!

Max weight = 35 to 40 lbs.

- Waste should be stored, transported and autoclaved in a proper bag placed into a leak-proof, secondary container (labeled garbage can, autoclavable plastic bin, or stainless steel pot)
- Indicator tape or steam indicator bags must be used for autoclavable materials. You can order these from Fisher Scientific (800) 776-7000.
- After waste is treated, place it into red bins, tie the liner bag and close the lid when the bin is full.

SHARPS

Place containers close to where sharps are used. Don’t overfill containers. NEVER RECAP NEEDLES!

SHARPS include:
- Needles and syringes
- Scalpels and lancets
- Razor and microtome blades
- IV tubing with needles attached.
- Contaminated glass Pasteur pipettes
- Any other sharp, metal lab waste that could puncture a bag.

Uncontaminated/decontaminated lab glass and plastic

Treat contaminated glass/plastic with appropriate disinfectant, or autoclave, then dispose of these materials in sturdy cardboard boxes. Tape boxes closed and label “glass waste” for collection by custodial staff. DO NOT dispose sharps, biohazards, or chemicals in cardboard boxes or in the regular trash!

To request containers or waste pick-ups:
http://www.oehs.wayne.edu/forms/biowaste-pickup.php