









Biohazardous Waste Disposal Guidelines



<p>Description</p> <p>Sharps Waste</p> <p>Any of these devices if contaminated with biohazardous materials: Hypodermic needles, needles with syringes or tubing, blades, and glass slides, microfluidics on glass slides, other disposable glassware.</p> 	<p>Solid Lab Waste</p> <p>Any of the following contaminated with biohazardous materials: Plastic pipettes, pipette tips, syringes without needles, petri dishes, plastic culture flasks, paper towels, bench paper, gloves.</p> 	<p>Liquid Waste</p> <p>Liquid biohazardous cultures or specimens, including human and animal blood, body fluids, tissue culture, microorganisms and viruses, culture medium.</p> 
<p>Storage & packaging</p> <p>Use an approved sharps container. Container must be leakproof, rigid, puncture resistant, clearly marked for biohazardous waste and can be sealed when ready for disposal.</p>	<p>Place two red biohazardous bags in a rigid, leakproof container with a tight-fitting lid. Maximum storage time is 7 days!</p>	<p>Use a leakproof container as with a lid and store in a secondary, leakproof container. Maximum storage time is 7 days.</p>
<p>Labeling</p> <p>Biohazard symbol on container.</p> 	<p>Biohazard symbol on lid and sides of container.</p> 	<p>Identify waste, name of waste producer, date of culture.</p> 
<p>Treatment</p> <p>Off-site treatment by VEHS. Address: U-0211 MCN 1161 21st Ave S Nashville, TN 37232-2665 615-322-2057</p>	<p>Off-site treatment by VEHS. Address: U-0211 MCN 1161 21st Ave S Nashville, TN 37232-2665 615-322-2057</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat with <u>household bleach</u> (9:1) for 30 minutes OR • Steam sterilize in a <u>registered autoclave</u>.
<p>Disposal</p> <p>Gray plastic can with biohazard symbol, collected by VEHS at building collection locations.</p>	<p>Gray plastic can with biohazard symbol, collected by VEHS at building collection locations.</p>	<p>Pour treated liquids down laboratory sink and flush with water.</p>

Mixed Waste

Before generating mixed waste (i.e., mixtures of biohazardous and chemical or radioactive waste), call VEHS: 615-322-2057.