California State University, Los Angeles
Risk Management & Environmental, Health and Safety Office

Biosafety Bulletin

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Biological Waste Disposal Guidelines

The University Biosafety Office is committed to ensuring that the biohazardous waste disposal is managed in a manner that not only assures compliance with all pertinent regulations and guidelines, but maximizes the safety of all individuals on campus. The disposal information provided below should be used as guidance when handling and disposing of bioharzardous waste. For information pertaining to items not listed below, please contact the Biosafety Office at **3-6359**.

Waste Type	*Container*	*Disposal Method*
Solid Biohazardous Waste: Including contaminated or potentially contaminated non-pasteur plastic pipettes/pipette tips, glass test tubes, serological pipettes***** and culture plates.	Red plastic "Biohazard" Bag. *****Place in reusable trays. Autoclave trays are available free of charge form the Biosafety Office.	**Autoclave** using pre-set cycle for waste disposal. After autoclaving, place the sterilized bag inside dark trash bag. Place trash bag in building dumpster.
All Sharps; Including syringes, needles, scapels, glass slides, cover slips, capillary tubes, razor blades, pasteur pipettes and broken glass contaminated with potentially infectious materials, human blood or fluids.	Red sharps container with a closable and locking lid. Containers should never have objects protruding from the surface plane of the container. Sharps containers are available free of charge from the Biosafety Office.	Call the Biosafety Office for removal of sharps containers. Do not throw sharps containers in trash.
Infectious or potentially infected animal carcasses Non-infectious animal carcasses.	Double bagged and tightly sealed in red "**Biohazard**" bags. Double-bagged and tightly sealed in plastic bags.	Store bags in laboratory freezers. Bags shall not weigh more than 15 pounds. Call the Biosafety Office to schedule a waste pick-up.
Animal bedding from infected animals. Animal Bedding from Non-Infected Animals	Autoclavable trays made of metal or other appropriate autoclavable material. Do not place bedding in bags. Double-bagged and tightly sealed in ordinary dark trash bags.	**Autoclave** using pre-set cycle for waste disposal, then put sterilized waste into dark trash bag. Place trash bag into building dumpster. Note that animal bedding *may* take considerably longer to sterilize. Ensure waste is securely closed. Transport to building dumpster.
Uncontaminated Broken Glass	"Broken Glass" box supplied by vendor OR fully sealable recycled cardboard box. Recycled boxes must be labeled on top and sides.	Securely close and tape box. Take closed container outside to building dumpsters.