

The Bucket List

Getting rid of lab waste? Here's how to dispose of it.



Chemical Waste Pail

- Designate and label for lab specific use
- Ethidium Bromide gels
- Contaminated solids including plastics and glass
- No sharps (needles)
- Provided by EPS



Radioactive Solid Waste Container

- Contaminated plastics and solids
- Ensure tag provided is completed before pickup
- No liquid scintillation vials
- Provided by EPS



Radioactive Liquid Waste Container

- Radioactive aqueous liquid waste
- No liquid scintillation vial contents
- Green tag: half-life <30 days
- Blue tag: half-life >30 days & <90 days
- Yellow tag: half-life >90 days
- Provided by EPS



Biohazard Waste Pail

- Risk Group 2 biologically contaminated solids
- No liquids, sharps, Risk Group 1 biologicals or animal anatomical waste
- Provided by EPS
- (Some locations receive pails that are lined)



Biohazard Bag

- Biologically contaminated solids only
- No sharps
- Risk Group 1 solids should be in bags with no biohazardous symbol
- Purchased by lab



Sharps Container (CSA Approved)

- Needles, syringes, lancets, blades, etc.
- Designate, separate and Label as Biological, Chemical or Radioactive waste
- Purchased by lab



Animal Anatomical Waste Pail

- All animal anatomical waste
- All materials contaminated with toxins requiring incineration
- Biobags, provided by DCM can be used to transport tissues to DCM
- Cytotoxic waste
- No biologically or chemically contaminated bedding
- Provided by EPS



Paper Recycling Bin

- Uncontaminated paper
- Boxboard
- Catalogues
- No Cardboard. Recycle separately
- Call Recycling for larger totes for office/ lab clean outs
- Provided by REC



Regular Garbage

- Uncontaminated refuse (paper towels, pipet wrappers, etc.)
- Decontaminated Risk Group 1 biological solids
- Provided by Caretaking



Amber Laboratory Glass Tote

- Uncontaminated coloured glass (TRIPLE RINSED)
- No hazardous materials, garbage or gloves
- No clear glass
- Provided by REC



Teal Laboratory Glass Tote

- Uncontaminated Clear glass (TRIPLE RINSED)
- No hazardous materials, garbage or gloves
- No coloured glass
- Provided by REC



Orange Laboratory Plastic Tote

- Uncontaminated laboratory plastics (TRIPLE RINSED)
- No hazardous materials, garbage or gloves
- Provided by REC