

BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY WASTE STREAMS*

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	CONTAINER	LOCATION	HANDLING	ROUTING
Non-recyclable waste glass	Plate glass, pyrex, light bulbs, broken glass chemical containers, Non-contaminated ** plastic serological pipettes	Tall cardboard container with heavy plastic liner	Corridor and/or Lab	Removed by custodial staff when full	Solid waste (not recyclable)
Empty chemical containers	Intact, clean triple-rinsed glass and plastic (#1 and #2) containers; recyclable without caps	Special plastic bucket with half lid	Corridor	Removed by custodial staff when full	Recyclable
Lab trash	Non-contaminated ** gloves, bench paper, packaging materials, foil, plastic bags, paper towels, weighing boats, bottle caps, fly media, fly embryo plates, culture plates (with or without media); culture and centrifuge tubes (with or without media), filter flasks	Standard waste can with 4 mil liner	Lab	Removed by custodial staff when full	Solid waste
Chemical Waste	See Lab Safety Manual or EHS web site to determine whether hazardous or non-hazardous waste	Hazardous waste in appropriate containers. Non-hazardous waste in trash or drain	Lab	Hazardous waste removed monthly by lab staff.	Solid waste or Hazardous Waste
REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE					
All sharps	All Pasteur and other glass pipettes, needles, syringes, scalpel blades, razor blades, slides, coverslips	Labeled sharps container	Lab	Placed in medical waste boxes by lab occupants	Medical waste
Other medical waste	Experimentally cultured stocks, plates or other materials meeting New Jersey definition (See *** below) Ethidium bromide gels	Standard medical waste box with red plastic liner	Lab	Sealed and placed in corridor by lab occupants	Medical waste

* Does not include radioactive or hazardous chemical waste

** Non-contaminated applies to any material not having been in contact with an infectious agent. The New Jersey Regulated Medical Waste regulations define infectious agent as "any organism (such as a virus or a bacteria) capable of being communicated by invasion and multiplication in body tissues and capable of causing disease or adverse health impacts in humans".

*** Other Regulated Medical Waste - Any solid waste generated in the diagnosis, treatment, or immunization of human beings or animals, in research pertaining thereto, or in the production or testing of biologicals, in the following categories: cultures and stocks (of infectious agents and associated pathological wastes, human blood and blood products, sharps (used or unused), animal waste (contaminated animal carcasses and animal bedding exposed to agents infectious in humans).