

LABORATORY WASTE STREAMS*

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	CONTAINER	LOCATION	HANDLING	ROUTING
Non-recyclable waste glass, plastic; sharps from non-culture labs	Plate glass, pyrex, light bulbs, broken glass chemical containers; sharps from non-culture labs, e.g. pipettes, needles, syringes, slides, cover slips, blades	Tall cardboard container with heavy plastic liner (A)	Corridor and/or Lab	Removed by custodial staff when full	Solid waste (not recyclable)
Recyclable empty chemical containers	Intact, clean triple-rinsed glass and plastic (#1 and #2) containers; recyclable without caps	Special plastic bucket with half lid (B)	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, uncultured plates and tubes (with or without media), filter flasks, silica gel (not contaminated with chemical solvents) Silica gel and other powders must be in sealed bag or container	Standard waste basket with 4mil liner (C)	Lab	Removed <u>daily</u> by custodial staff	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

LABS USING BIOLOGICAL CULTURES

All sharps	All glass pipettes, needles, syringes, scalpel blades, razor blades, slides, coverslips	Labeled sharps container (D)	Lab	Sealed and placed in medical waste box by lab staff	Medical waste
Other medical waste	Experimentally cultured stocks, plates or other disposables associated with culture work	Medical waste box with red plastic liner (E) or Labeled sharps container (D)	Lab	Sharps container – sealed & placed in Med. Waste; Medical waste box sealed and placed in corridor by lab staff	Medical waste

* Does not include radioactive or hazardous chemical waste

** Non-contaminated applies to any material not having been in contact with biological cultures.