

Lab Pipette & Tips Disposal

EH&S Non-Medical Sharps Disposal online guidance <https://ehs.wisc.edu/disposal-services/sharps-disposal/>

Pipette types

- ❖ Pipette Tips
- ❖ Serological Pipettes
- ❖ Pasteur Pipettes
- ❖ Transfer Pipettes
- ❖ Plastic or Glass

✓ Empty or drain contents of tips & pipettes prior to disposal

Used with/ Exposed to:

Disposal Containment

Disposal Procedure

Radiological materials only

- ✓ Dispose with other dry radioactive waste materials

Dispose with other dry radioactive waste materials - follow procedures for disposal in your lab's RAM permit

Radiological materials mixed with other hazards

- ⊘ Contact EH&S for disposal consultation

Biohazardous materials

(only or mixed with chemicals, Non-radiological)

- ✓ Autoclavable rigid container (plastic or cardboard) lined with 1-2 biohazard autoclave bags
- ✓ Container weight filled 20 lb. max
- ✓ May comingle with other non-medical or medical sharps disposal
- ⊘ If mixed biohazard + chemical, contact EH&S for disposal consultation
- ⊘ *Do not use Red biohazard bags*
- ⊘ *BSL3/ABSL3 Labs must follow their lab manual for all disposal*

1. When container is approx. 3/4 full - close inner liner(s) then close outer box securely (avoid overfilling!)
2. Label the box "Broken glass and plasticware"
3. Mark as Biohazardous (if not already marked)
4. **Disposal Option A:** Place in MERI bin (medical sharps must follow this option)
5. **Disposal Option B:**
 - a) Autoclave in same manner as biohazardous waste
 - b) Remove/obscure biohazard markings on exterior
 - c) Complete & Attach "OK to Trash" label
 - d) Set in appropriate location for custodial pick up for regular trash disposal or dispose in regular trash

Chemicals only

(Non-radiological, Non-biohazardous)

- ✓ Rigid container (plastic or cardboard) with 1-2 plastic liners
- ✓ May comingle with other non-medical sharps disposal
- ✓ OK to dispose into Medical sharps container
- ✓ Container weight filled 20 lb. max

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Not used with biologicals, chemicals, radiological materials

Unused - packaged or unpackaged

- ✓ Rigid container (plastic or cardboard) with 1-2 plastic liners
- ✓ Container 20 lb. max weight
- ✓ May comingle with other non-medical sharps disposal or into Medical sharps container

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