## Lab Pipette & Tips Disposal

**EH&S Non-Medical Sharps Disposal online guidance** [https://ehs.wisc.edu/disposal-services/sharps-disposal/](https://ehs.wisc.edu/disposal-services/sharps-disposal/)

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### Pipette types

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<td>Radiological materials mixed with other hazards</td>
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<td>Biohazardous materials (only or mixed with chemicals, Non-radiological)</td>
<td>✓ 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</td>
<td>2. Label the box “Broken glass and plasticware” 3. Mark as Biohazardous (if not already marked)</td>
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<td>Biohazardous materials</td>
<td>❗ If mixed biohazard + chemical, contact EH&amp;S for disposal consultation ❗ Do not use Red biohazard bags ❗ BSL3/ABSL3 Labs must follow their lab manual for all disposal</td>
<td>4. <strong>Disposal Option A:</strong> Place in MERI bin (medical sharps must follow this option)</td>
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<td>Chemicals only (Non-radiological, Non-biohazardous)</td>
<td>✓ 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</td>
<td>5. <strong>Disposal Option B:</strong> a) Autoclave in same manner as biohazardous waste b) Remove/obscure biohazard markings on exterior c) Complete &amp; Attach “OK to Trash” label d) Set in appropriate location for custodial pick up for regular trash disposal or dispose in regular trash</td>
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<td>Not used with biologicals, chemicals, radiological materials Unused - packaged or unpackaged</td>
<td>✓ 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</td>
<td>1. When container is approx. 3/4 full, close inner liner(s) then close outer box securely (avoid overfilling!)</td>
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### Disposal Containment

- Used - packaged or unpackaged
- Unused - packaged or unpackaged
- Decontaminated

### Disposal Procedure

- 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