Laboratory Glass and Plasticware Waste

- Place autoclaved glassware box next to regular trash container for custodial pick-up and disposal via municipal waste.

Disposal of laboratory glass and plasticware waste:

- Place in a rigid, red, plastic biohazard-labeled sharps container. When no more than 2/3 full, close lid, place autoclave tape over lid and sides. Do not block vent holes. Write PI name and room number on container.

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**Treatment & Disposal Services:**

- Autoclave waste
- Lab Services*
- Lab Services* Do not place next to lab trash
- UW waste contractor**

University of Washington Biohazardous Waste Streams
Main Campus and Leased Facilities

**Biohazardous Waste, Including Recombinant and Synthetic DNA/RNA Waste**

- Human and non-human primate blood, tissue, cells
- Pathogenic agents (bacteria, rickettsia, fungi, viruses, protozoa, parasites and prions)
- Recombinant and synthetic DNA/RNA, cultures, stocks and cell lines containing recombinant or synthetic DNA/RNA
- Tissue from animals exposed to biohazardous agents. (For animal carcass and bedding disposal see Animal Research)
- Lab waste that has come in contact with the above listed biohazards
- Combining bio and other hazardous waste? Contact EH&S Research & Occupational Safety.

**Segregation**

- Collect liquid in a labeled, lidded, leak-proof container.
- Collect waste in an autoclavable biohazard bag. When full, loosely tie or tape closed. Transport in a leak-proof secondary container.

**Containment**

- Package laboratory glass in biohazard bag, then in heavy cardboard box. Close and label box with autoclave tape, LABORATORY GLASS tape and biohazard symbol. Label box with PI’s name and room number.

**Treatment**

- Add bleach or other effective chemical decontaminant OR autoclave.

**Disposal**

- Disposal via sanitary sewer
- Place autoclaved, biohazard bag into regular trash container for custodial pick-up and disposal via municipal waste.
- Collected by UW waste contractor** after packaging per DOT requirements

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