



Biological Waste Disposal Guidelines

| Type of Waste | Treatment | Disposal Method |
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| Agar Plates (used) | Autoclave | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Agar Plates (unused) | None | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Animal Blood / Body Fluids (potentially infectious) | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Sanitary Sewer (drain) |
| Animal Blood / Body Fluids (non-infectious) | None | Sanitary Sewer (drain) |
| Animal Carcass / Tissue | Incinerate (DLAR) | Incineration |
| Band Aids | None | Regular Trash |
| Blades | None | SHARPS Container |
| Blood – human | Bleach | Sanitary Sewer (drain) |
| Blood Culture Bottles (used) | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Blood Test Strips | None | Regular Trash |
| Body Fluids – human (except urine) | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Sanitary Sewer (drain) |
| Capillary Tubes (used) | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Culturette Swabs (used) | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Glass Tubes containing blood / body fluids | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Glass Tubes (empty-unused) | None | Glass Waste Box |
| Gloves (visibly soiled w/ blood) | Autoclave | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Gloves (unsoiled) | None | Regular Trash |
| Lancets | None | SHARPS Container |
| Liquid – blood / body fluids | Bleach | Sanitary Sewer (drain) |
| Loops (inoculating) | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Lyophilized Specimens | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Media (spent liquid) | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Sanitary Sewer (drain) |



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| Media (spent solid) | Autoclave | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Micro-titre Plates (contaminated / used) | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Needles | None | SHARPS Container |
| Paper / Towels / Mats soiled with blood / body fluids | Autoclave | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Paper / Towels / Mats (unsoiled) | None | Regular Trash |
| Pathological Waste | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | DLAR / Morgue |
| Pasteur Pipettes (used) | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Glass Waste Box or SHARPS Containers |
| Personal Protective Equipment (contaminated) | Autoclave | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Personal Protective Equipment (uncontaminated) | None | Regular Trash |
| Pipettes – Plastic or Glass (used) | Bleach <u>or</u> Autoclave | Glass Waste Box or Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Pipettes – Plastic or Glass (unused) | None | Glass Waste Box |
| Pipette Tips (used) | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Regular Trash or Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Pipette Tips (unused) | None | Regular Trash |
| Razor Blades | None | SHARPS Container |
| Slides (fixed – used or unused) | None | Glass Waste Box |
| Slides (unfixed used or unused) | None | SHARPS Container |
| Specimen Bags grossly soiled | Autoclave | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Specimen Containers with blood / body fluids | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach (depending on volume) | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Syringe containing blood / body fluids with or without needle | None | SHARPS Container |



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| Syringe without needle (not containing blood / body fluids) | None | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Test Tubes containing blood / body fluids | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Biohazard (red) Bins <u>or</u> Sanitary Sewer |
| Tissue / Specimens (unfixed) | Autoclave <u>or</u> Bleach | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Tissue / Specimens (fixed) | None | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Towel / paper / etc. soiled with blood / body fluids | Autoclave | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Tubes (used / contaminated) culture, vacutainer, microfuge | Autoclave | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Tubes (unused / uncontaminated) culture, vacutainer, microfuge | None | Biohazard (red) Bins |
| Urine Samples | None | Sanitary Sewer (drain) |
| Urine Transfer Pipettes / Specimen Containers / Test Strips | None | Regular Trash |