Sharps and Glass Disposal

Collect → Label → Dispose

- Puncture resistant container
- Label “Non-infectious”
- Request EH&S pick-up

- Cardboard box
- Label “Plastic Sharps”
- Discard in dumpster

All syringes, needles, blades

Medical and Plastic

Lab ware, broken glass, glass pipettes

GLASS

All empty chemical bottles

- Empty glass container in yellow bin on loading dock
- If your building doesn’t have a glass bin, leave on dock and call FP&M at 4-5100

- Satellite Accumulation Area
- NO Green Tag required
- Request EH&S pick-up

✓ NO chemicals, gloves, paper towels, sharps with glass waste

✓ NO infectious or radioactive materials
Safety Practices for Labs Working With Biohazardous Materials

- Access to the lab must be restricted at all times.
- Personnel must wash their hands after working with biohazardous materials, after removing their gloves, or before leaving the laboratory.
- Eating, drinking, smoking, handling contact lenses, applying cosmetics and storing food for human consumption is not permitted in the lab.
- Mouth pipetting is prohibited.
- Policies for the safe handling of sharps must be developed and implemented.
- The production of aerosols must be minimized; aerosolizing procedures must be conducted within a biosafety cabinet.
- Work surfaces must be decontaminated after completion of work and after any spill of biohazardous materials.
- Decontaminate all cultures, stocks, and other potentially hazardous material before disposal.
- The universal biohazard symbol must be posted at the entrance to the lab.
- An effective pest management program should be in place.
- The PI (principal investigator) must ensure that all personnel receive the appropriate training regarding their duties, precautions to prevent exposure, and what to do in the event of an exposure. This training must be documented.