

HUNTER COLLEGE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Category	Examples	Packaging	Removal Procedures and Notes
<i>Trash</i>	Uncontaminated paper towels and wipes.	Trash bag.	Trash as regular garbage. Do not discard as regulated waste.
<i>Glass</i>	Uncontaminated (triple rinsed) glassware.	No packaging needed. Just leave it in the corridor labeled with triple rinse stickers.	Try to recycle glassware by using it to store chemical waste as needed. Glassware in good condition can be given to EHS for distribution to other labs.
<i>Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) (Bio-hazardous and Infectious)</i>	Materials contaminated or potentially contaminated with animal or human bodily fluids and vaccines. Glassware and other contaminated items from medical labs.	Place in RMW box lined with red bag . Place RMW and sharp containers inside box. Do not overfill. Tie liner, close box and tape it. Write PI name and lab room # on top of box. Do not exceed 50 Lbs. per box.	Lab RMW pickups take place on Mondays and Wednesdays . Place labeled and taped RMW box in the corridor outside your lab. RMW supplies can be ordered at X-4136 . Do not use boxes for liquid RMW.
<i>Sharps</i>	Syringes, needles, scalpels, glassware contaminated with live samples or specimens. Radioactive sharps & animal carcasses are not RMW and must be treated as radioactive waste.	Red sharps container . Do not overfill and maintain minimum weight (50 Lbs.). Place red sharps container inside RMW cardboard box. Write PI name and lab room # on top of box.	Lab RMW pickups take place on Mondays and Wednesdays . Place labeled and taped RMW box in the corridor outside your lab. RMW supplies can be ordered at X-4136 . Do not use boxes for liquid RMW.
<i>Laboratory Animals & Animal Bedding</i>	Animal carcasses and used bedding from animals, known or suspected, that have been exposed to infectious agents.	Red bag-lined Infectious waste box , taped and weight kept <50 Lbs. Write PI name and lab room # on top of box.	Lab RMW pickups take place on Mondays and Wednesdays . Place labeled and taped RMW box in corridor outside your lab. RMW supplies can be ordered at X-4136 . Do not use boxes for liquid RMW.
<i>Radioactive Materials</i>	Alpha, beta and gamma emitters.	Collect radioactive wastes in separate approved radioactive waste containers ONLY .	Arrange radioactive waste pickup with EHS at X-3576 or X-4462 .
<i>Preserved Lab Animals & Organs</i>	Preserved animal carcasses, organs & tissues in preserving solutions.	Plastic leak-tight container or drum labeled as non-hazardous waste.	When full, call EHS Office at X-6918 or X-4462 for pickup.
<i>Mercury</i>	Metal and salts, broken thermometers and bulbs.	Screw-capped glass jar Label as hazardous waste and place in hazardous waste satellite accumulation area. Do NOT store waste outside your labs' hazardous waste satellite accumulation area.	When full, call EHS at X-6918 or X-4462 for pickup.
<i>Hazardous Chemicals</i>	Other chemical wastes including spent solvents, mineral oil, salts, corrosive materials, etc.	Use containers that are appropriate for the waste. Label as hazardous waste and place in hazardous waste satellite accumulation area. Do NOT store waste outside your labs' hazardous waste satellite accumulation area.	When full, call EHS at X-6918 or X-4462 for pickup.
<i>Unknown Chemicals</i>	Bottles or other chemical containers without labels or unknown to personnel.	Use containers that are appropriate for the waste. Keep container closed & labeled as unknown chemical or best determination. Do NOT store waste outside your labs' hazardous waste satellite accumulation area.	Call EHS at X-6918 or 4462 for pickup. A charge may apply to cover the cost of characterization.
<i>Used Toner & ink Cartridges</i>	Printer cartridges.	Use bag and box that came with replacement cartridge.	Return to manufacturer using prepaid return service label or label as universal waste and contact Facilities at X-4422 for pickup.
<i>Universal Waste</i>	Mercury gages, mercury vapor light bulbs, pesticides, PCB oils, batteries, electronic equipment, circuit boards and batteries.	Use containers that are appropriate for the type of universal waste.	Contact Facilities at X-4422 for pickup.
<i>Gas Cylinders</i>	Lecture bottles, compressed gas cylinders.	If available, place lecture cylinders in a container e.g. plastic bucket to keep it upright.	Keep cylinders upright and secured. Return to manufacturer. Unknown cylinders contact EHS at X-6918 or X-4462 .