

# PACKAGING SHARPS AND LAB GLASS WASTE

## SHARPS

**ALWAYS** sharps waste:

- needles and IV tubing with needles
- syringes without needles
- lancets
- scalpel blades

**Sharps waste if CONTAMINATED with biohazards (including recombinant or synthetic DNA/RNA):**

- razor blades
- broken glass
- fragile glass items, Pasteur pipettes, slides and cover slips



**When no more than two-thirds full, close lid and place autoclave tape over lid and sides. Do not block vent holes. Label with PI name and room number.**

## BIOHAZARDOUS LAB GLASS & PLASTIC

**CONTAMINATED** with biohazards (including recombinant or synthetic DNA/RNA) and could puncture a plastic bag

- micropipette tips
- serological pipettes
- test tubes
- swabs and sticks
- other items that could puncture a biohazard bag



**Place items in pipette box/keeper or sturdy cardboard box.**

**Line cardboard box with biohazard bag, and label as "LAB GLASS" with biohazard symbol, PI name and room number.**

## NON-HAZARDOUS LAB GLASS & PLASTIC

**NOT** contaminated with biohazards and could puncture a plastic bag

- micropipette tips
- serological pipettes
- test tubes
- swabs and sticks
- non-contaminated razor blades, broken glass, fragile glass items, Pasteur pipettes, slides and cover slips



**Use sturdy boxes. Label as "LAB GLASS" with PI name and room number.**

**Do not use for disposal of sharps or biohazardous waste, liquid waste, chemicals, or radioactive waste.**

See [Sharps and Lab Glass](#) for more detailed definitions and packaging instructions. Refer to your [Biohazardous Waste Flow Chart](#) for treatment and disposal information. Contact EH&S Research and Occupational Safety at [ehsbio@uw.edu](mailto:ehsbio@uw.edu) or 206.221.7770. Rev 05/2014

