

## USC Biohazardous Waste Disposal Procedures

	<b>SOLID WASTE</b>	<b>SHARPS</b>	<b>PATHOLOGICAL</b>	<b>PHARMACEUTICAL</b>	<b>CLEAN GLASS</b>
<b>Examples of Materials</b>	All contaminated gloves, paper towels, gauze, Kim-wipes <sup>®</sup> , absorbents, petri dishes, culture vials, plastic pipettes, plastic vacutainers, lab equipment	All needles, syringes, blades, scalpels, razors, root canal files, pipette tips, glass pipettes, glass vacutainers, capillary tubes, slides and cover slips, contaminated broken glassware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal carcasses suspected to be or potentially infected;</li> <li>• Recognizable human tissue, organs and body parts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pharmaceuticals or over-the-counter human or animal medication including anti-toxins, vaccines, antigens and serums;</li> <li>• Expired pharmaceuticals;</li> <li>• Empty vials;</li> <li>• Broken ampoules</li> </ul>	Uncontaminated glass items (NO RAD, CHEM, or BIO contamination)
<b>Container Requirements</b>	<p><b>Biohazardous Waste Container</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact EH&amp;S to obtain needed containers;</li> <li>• Container must be leak- and puncture-proof;</li> <li>• Line with a red biohazard bag;</li> <li>• Keep lid snapped on immediately after use;</li> <li>• Label with <b>BIOHAZARD</b> stickers on all visible sides</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sharps Container</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact EH&amp;S to obtain needed containers;</li> <li>• Container must be rigid, leak-proof, and puncture-proof;</li> <li>• Single use only;</li> <li>• Keep baffle in place;</li> <li>• Label with <b>“BIOHAZARD SHARPS”</b> sticker</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pathological Waste Container</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact EH&amp;S to obtain needed containers;</li> <li>• Container must be leak- and puncture-proof;</li> <li>• Label with <b>“BIOHAZARD”</b> and <b>“PATHOLOGICAL WASTE”</b> stickers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pharmaceutical Waste Container</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact EH&amp;S to obtain needed containers;</li> <li>• Two-toned: blue/white;</li> <li>• Container must be rigid, leak-proof, and puncture-proof;</li> <li>• Label with <b>“PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE, FOR INCINERATION ONLY”</b> stickers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Clean Glass Container</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dept. must provide needed containers;</li> <li>• Container should be a cardboard box lined with plastic;</li> <li>• Label with <b>“CLEAN GLASS”</b></li> </ul>
<b>Disposal Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep container and lid clean at all times;</li> <li>• Maintain access to the container: do not store items on lid;</li> <li>• Do not remove red bag from container;</li> <li>• Contact EH&amp;S for pickup when full</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seal the sharps container when the “Full Line” is reached; and</li> <li>• Contact EH&amp;S for pickup when full</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact EH&amp;S for pickup when full</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seal the blue and white pharmaceutical container when the “Full Line” is reached; and</li> <li>• Contact EH&amp;S for pickup when full</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before it gets heavy or when full, tape shut and place next to regular trash for pickup by janitor;</li> <li>• If container gets wet or damaged, encase in plastic bag and a larger box.</li> </ul>