

## SHARPS

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**SHARPS** are any instrument used to puncture, cut or scrape or can cause punctures or cuts to waste handlers, students, University personnel or the public.



The term “Sharps” includes the following: hypodermic needles, syringes, pipettes contaminated with bio-hazardous or infectious material, scalpel blades, blades, laboratory slides, IV tubing with needles attached, lancets, dental scalers and other sharp, metal lab waste.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPOSAL OF SHARPS:

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- ❑ Sharps containers can be obtained through the Building Manager
- ❑ Place sharps in red OSHA-approved sharps containers
- ❑ Do not overfill sharps containers
- ❑ Place full sharps containers in “Red Bag” if applicable, if not,
- ❑ Please call the Building Manager for proper disposal

### NEVER USE THESE CONTAINERS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF:

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- ❑ Anything other than the items listed above.

### REMEMBER:

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This procedure is in place to prevent injury and infection to waste handlers, students, University personnel and the public. Please:

- ❑ Do not place “Sharps” in the regular trash or Laboratory Glass box, however,
- ❑ Glass Pasteur pipettes or slides NOT used for bio-hazardous or infectious materials may be disposed of as Laboratory Glass.
- ❑ Any Biology Labs that handle bio-hazardous or infectious materials **ANYWHERE** in the laboratory **MUST** dispose of **ALL** sharps in “Sharps” container.