

SHARPS

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:

- ❑ **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:

- ❑ **Anything other than the items listed above.**

REMEMBER:

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.**