

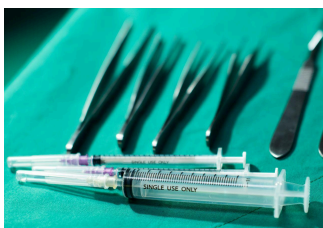
Preparing Biohazardous Sharps Waste for Collection Standard Operating Procedure

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Applies To: The U-M Research Community

Use this procedure for sharps waste, which includes any object that will easily penetrate the skin.

Examples of this Waste Stream



- Needles
- Scalpels
- Intravenous tubing with needle attached
- Razor blades
- Capillary tubes

Supplies Available through Hazardous Materials Management

Hazardous Materials Management provides the following supplies. To order these supplies, complete the online [Supplies Request Form](#) or call (734) 763-4568.



- Biohazard Label with accumulation start date
 - The “BIOHAZARD” symbol label must be on the waste containers used for biohazardous sharps waste and biohazardous broken glass.



- Sharps label
 - The “SHARPS” label must also be on the waste containers used to collect biohazardous broken glass.



Procedure: Completing the BIOHAZARD Label

In the **Accumulation Start Date** field, write the date that waste accumulation begins.

NOTE: Sharps containers **MUST** be properly disposed of within 18 months or when 3/4 full if prior to 18 months.

Procedure: Preparing Biohazardous Sharps Waste for Collection

1. Collect the waste in properly labeled sharps containers.
2. Close the container.
3. Request waste collection from HMM using one of the following methods:
 - Complete the online [Waste Pickup Request Form](#).
 - Call HMM at (734) 763-4568