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## 1.0 PURPOSE

Laboratory research generates two types of waste-

- (i) Contaminated waste (contact with biohazardous or infectious material)
- (ii) Un-contaminated waste (NO contact with biohazardous or infectious material)

This procedure enlists the guidelines for proper segregation of laboratory waste.

## 2.0 PROCEDURE

### ***Contaminated waste (contact with biohazardous or infectious material)***

See Biomedical and Biohazardous Waste Disposal Guidelines for more details.

<b>NON- SHARPS</b>	<b>SHARPS</b>
This waste goes into the YELLOW BAG and includes- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soft edged microbiology waste including contaminated transfer pipettes, gloves paper towel/cloth, counter top absorbent pad and any absorbent material.</li> <li>• Any soft edge material that is contaminated with blood and/or blood products that would release liquid blood if compressed.</li> </ul>	This waste goes into the YELLOW SHARPS RECEPTACLE and includes- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any biomedical waste that may puncture the yellow bags such as: needles and syringes, scalpels, contaminated glass/broken glass, plastic pipette tips, laboratory glass or other materials, capable of causing punctures or cuts.</li> </ul>

**Uncontaminated waste (NO contact with biohazardous or infectious material)**

<b>LANDFILL</b>	<b>RECYCLING</b>
<p>This waste goes into the GREY BIN and includes-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>gloves, paper towels, countertop absorbent pads and any absorbent materials that are not contaminated with infectious/hazardous agents, packaging for laboratory supplies etc.</li></ul>	<p>This waste goes into the BLUE BIN and includes-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>clean laboratory plastic containers, non-contaminated paper and cardboard go in the blue bin located at the end of every other laboratory bench</li></ul>

**3.0 ATTACHMENTS/APPENDIX**

- I. [Biomedical Waste](#)
- II. [Landfill Labs](#)
- III. [Recycling Labs](#)

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