

Sharps Waste

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Sharps Are

- Needles
- Syringes without needles
- Glass pipettes
- Microscope slides & coverslips
- Razor blades
- Scalpels

Packaging

- Dispose of sharps immediately after use in a sharps container
- Seal closed when 2/3 full
- Affix Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) labels
- Do not autoclave sharps containers
- Place inside red-bag-lined RMW box
 - Never dispose in regular trash

Helpful Tips

- Place sharps containers near the point of use
- Keep spare sharps containers available in case one becomes full
- Labs / departments are responsible for purchasing sharps containers
- Ensure the selected containers fit inside the Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) box (18x18x24 inches)