

# Proper Disposal of Sharps, Glass, & Biohazard Materials

## Infectious Waste Boxes

Infectious waste boxes are the cardboard boxes with the red plastic liners that are used for the disposal of research materials that are contaminated with hazardous biological agents or chemicals to include: tissue samples, animal cadavers, animal organs, slides, broken lab glassware, absorbent pads, pharmaceuticals, and small quantities of chemicals. Sharps should be collected in the red puncture resistant collection containers. The sharps collection boxes are purchased through each department. Outlined below are the disposal instructions to be followed:

- The boxes are delivered constructed (from Housekeeping). Request boxes and liners from 994-6706.
- All sharps must be placed in a red puncture resistant collection container inside of the red lined bag which is placed inside of the infectious waste box.
- Do not pour liquids in the boxes or over pack -- weight limit is 40 lbs.
- Use only the biohazard boxes and liners provided.
- Do not deliver the boxes to the loading dock of Ross Hall.
- Do not use for disposal of non-hazardous material; the boxes are incinerated at \$0.27/lb.

When the infectious waste box is ready for disposal:

- Label the box with the building name and lab room #.
- Seal the plastic liner, NOT the cardboard top.
- Call 994-6706, request a pickup and a replacement box.

