

FHS Biomedical Waste Procedure in the HSC

Waste Rooms

Waste rooms for the collection of biomedical waste only have been identified in the Health Sciences Center (HSC) building. These rooms are meant for the storage of biomedical waste and no other type of waste can be placed there.

Waste rooms will have signs indicating which waste can be placed inside the room and the alternate rooms for other waste streams. Rooms will be exclusive to biomedical waste or regular/recycling waste, these waste streams will no longer be held in the same room.

The biomedical waste rooms will be secured by a locked door that can be opened with a four digit code. The code to open the HSC biomedical waste room doors is "1324".

The rooms designated for biomedical waste only in the HSC are; 3N25K and 4N68A.

All other waste rooms on these floors can be used for the disposal of regular waste or recycling waste. These doors will not be locked and can be accessed as before.

Biomedical Waste Collection

Biomedical waste will be managed in each laboratory as described below.

1. Go to biomedical waste room nearest to your lab. Take an empty box that has one red bag in it.
2. Return to your lab and insert a second red bag into the box.
3. Place biomedical waste into the bags/box as required.
4. Do not over fill; the maximum weight is 11 kg or 2/3 full.
5. Once the bags are full, individually tie them closed.
6. Close the flaps of the box so the seams of the box lid form an "H". Do not interweave the flaps of the lid or use any other method to close the flaps.
7. Tape all three seams fully (middle/both sides) using only 2" clear tape. Do not use any other kind of tape for this step.
8. Write an identifier for your laboratory on the top of the box. This identifier will be the room number and your phone extension.
9. Return the filled and closed box to the biomedical waste room.

NOTES:

- Red bags and 2" clear tape are available through HSC Stores.
- Over weight boxes will be returned to the lab for repackaging.
- Boxes without a lab identifier will be returned to the lab.
- Boxes improperly taped will be returned to the lab for proper taping.
- Sharps must be in a puncture-proof container before being placed into the biowaste box.
- If you generate more than three boxes of biomedical waste at any one time, contact Crothall at extension 77744 who will collect directly from your lab.
- If you have a lab clean-out and require more than three boxes contact Crothall at extension 77744 who will make sure they are available.
- Do not keep biomedical waste in your lab for more than three days.