

Segregate Waste at the Point of Generation

Four streams only. Segregate where the waste is produced — never mix streams (DOH Healthcare Waste Management Manual; RA 6969).

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YELLOW

Infectious / Biohazard
Heavy-duty yellow plastic liner

PUT IN

Blood-soaked gauze ·
contaminated gloves · used
pipette tips · specimen cups

WHEN $\frac{3}{4}$ FULL

Seal, tie the neck securely, attach
a biohazard tag with **date and
section**.

RED OR YELLOW BOX

Sharps Waste
Rigid, puncture-proof container
— red, or yellow clearly labeled
“Biohazard Sharps”

PUT IN

Needles · vacutainer needles ·
lancets · glass slides · broken
glass

WHEN $\frac{3}{4}$ FULL

Seal **permanently**. Never recap,
bend, or shear needles.

BLACK

General (Non-Infectious)
Black plastic liner

PUT IN

Office paper · packaging boxes ·
clean plastic wrappers

DISPOSAL

Municipal collection. **Do not mix**
with biohazard waste.

CARBOY

Liquid Chemical / Effluent
Rigid heavy-duty carboy /
container

PUT IN

Hematology / chemistry analyzer
liquid effluent · chemical reagents

HANDLING

Neutralize per protocol; store in
the dedicated holding area for
authorized treatment.

SHARPS RULES — LAB-QM-SAF-001 §5.4

- Dispose of sharps **immediately after use**, into the rigid container closest to the point of use. Sharps only — **no gauze, paper, or alcohol pads**.
- Seal at the $\frac{3}{4}$ maximum-level line: push the closure pins/tabs until they **click locked**, then place the sealed box inside a **yellow biohazard bag** as secondary containment.
- Broken glass may also go into a rigid container labeled **“For Broken Glass Only”** — never into general waste bags.

PATHOLOGIC WASTE, TRANSPORT & DISPOSAL — §5.4

- Pathologic waste:** tissues and fluid specimens are autoclaved or treated before chemical disinfection, and transferred in sealed sharps containers.
- Transport:** sealed bags and locked sharps boxes move **daily** to the hospital central waste holding area — trained Laboratory Aides, dedicated transport carts.
- Disposal:** through a DENR/DOH-accredited hazardous waste facility, under a valid MOA and transport permits (hospital administration).