

School of Medicine Columbia

School of Medicine: Biohazard Waste Disposal Guide

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	Sharps Waste	Solid Biohazard Waste	Animal Waste	
Waste				
Container	Sharps must be discarded in a puncture-resistant biohazard sharps container	Image: Second		
Disinfection		All solid biohazard waste must be autoclaved		
Disposal	Place closed sharps containers in biohazard box next to freezer in Building 4 (outside DLAR)	After autoclaving, solid waste bags must be placed in a biohazard box with a red bag liner in the autoclave room. SOM Safety Services will tape full boxes closed and take to Building 4 on Tuesday afternoons.	Only animal waste can be discarded in DLAR freezers. Bags with animal waste must be in secondary containment inside freezer.	
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