

# Put Waste In Its Place

There is no magic waste fairy  
(at least that we know of).



Real people handle what  
you dispose of here.



Do the right thing.

## Do Not Place the Following Items in Metal Biomedical Waste Carts

- Chemicals, chemical waste or empty chemical bottles
- Aerosol cans
- Needles not contained within a needle box
- Surgical equipment
- Other large metal items
- Unautoclaved state registered BSL-2/BSL-3 agents
- Pathological and chemotherapy waste
- Unabsorbed free liquids
- Radioactive waste
- Normal lab trash
- Broken glass
- BSL-3 waste

## Laboratory Waste Disposal Procedures

### Biomedical Waste

Write the name of the Principle Investigator and lab room number on the side or top of the medical waste collection container before placing it in the metal cart.

### Radioactive/Chemical Waste (including aerosol cans)

Visit [ehs.yale.edu](http://ehs.yale.edu) for forms.

### Needles With or Without Syringes, Razors and Scalpel Blades

Dispose of in a needle box and place the closed needle box in metal biomedical waste cart.

### State-Registered BSL-2 Waste

Collect in a red bucket or needle box. Sterilize or disinfect (e.g. autoclave) locally. Place in metal biomedical waste cart.

### Pathological/Chemotherapy Waste

Collect in a Stericycle box and label with "pathological waste" sticker.

### Normal lab trash (wrappers, clean gloves, etc.)

Dispose of in the normal trash.

### Broken Uncontaminated Glass

Place in any cardboard box and label as "broken glass" for removal by custodial services.

### BSL-3 Agents

Autoclave in laboratory and place in a Stericycle box.

## More Information

Most biomedical waste generated at the School of Medicine is treated on-site through Environmental Health and Safety's autoclave shredder. The above procedures are necessary to comply with Connecticut law, protect you and waste handlers and to prevent needlesticks, leaks, damage to the autoclave shredder and environmental harm.

These procedures apply to the laboratories at Yale's medical school campus.

Please contact Environmental Health and Safety at 203-432-6545 or visit [ehs.yale.edu](http://ehs.yale.edu) for more information.