

## **Laboratory Biological Waste Disposal**

### **Infectious Waste Containers:**

The University Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) will supply the following containers for proper disposal of biological waste:

- Red biohazard sharps container that are rigid, tightly lidded and puncture resistant. A seventeen gallon floor container will be supplied unless otherwise specified.
- Red biohazard bags.
- Biohazard cardboard boxes to store the red biohazard bags (only upon request).

### **Infectious Waste Container Request:**

The Department of Environmental Health & Safety will determine the number of containers to be supplied. The outside vendor will only replace the same number of containers that are removed. Additional containers can only be requested through the Department of Environmental Health and Safety. The contractor will not supply any additional containers without receiving a confirmation from the EH&S office.

### **New laboratories**

- Contact the Department of EH&S at 215-895-5919.

### **University City Campus Laboratories**

- Red Biohazard Sharps Containers – replaced during weekly pickup by outside contractor. If not on the list for pickup please contact EH&S at 215-895-5919.
- Red Biohazard Infectious Waste Bags – replaced during weekly pickup by outside contractor. If not on the list for pickup please contact EH&S at 215-895-5919.

### **Center City Campus Laboratories**

- Red Biohazard Sharps Containers – replaced during weekly pickup by outside contractor. If not on the list for pickup please contact EH&S at 215-895-5919.
- Red Biohazard Infectious Waste Bags – contact Facilities Management at 215-762-6500 at any time to request replacement bags.

### **Queen Lane Campus Laboratories**

- Red Biohazard Sharps Containers – replaced during weekly pickup by outside contractor. If not on the list for pickup please contact EH&S at 215-895-5919.
- Red Biohazard Infectious Waste Bags – replaced during pickup by custodial services. Contact custodial services at 215-991-8145 to request replacement bags.

### **Infectious Waste Pick-up Procedure:**

- Infectious waste containers **MUST** remain inside the laboratory at all times prior to pick-up. Containers must not be placed in the hallway at any time.
- Laboratory personnel must be present at the time of the pick-up. The contractor does not have keys to access the laboratories to remove the materials. If you are not present at the time of pick-up then the material will not be removed until the next scheduled pick-up.

### **Infectious Waste Pick-up Schedule (Animal Waste Excluded – See Disposal Guide):**

The pick-up schedule for each campus is as follows:

#### **University City Campus**

- Biohazard Sharps - the contractor is on site every Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:30 pm.
- Red Biohazard Infectious Waste Bag – the contractor is on site every Friday between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:30 pm.

#### **Center City Campus**

- Biohazard Sharps – the contractor is on site every Thursday between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:30 pm.
- Red Biohazard Infectious Waste Bag – the building custodial staff will remove this material at any time upon request. Contact Facilities Management at 215-762-6500.

#### **Queen Lane Campus**

- Biohazard Sharps – the contractor is on site every Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:30 pm.
- Red Biohazard Infectious Waste Bag – the building custodial staff will remove this material at any time upon request. Contact custodial services at 215-991-8145.