

SHARP TYPE	ACTION	CONTAINER	LABELING	DISPOSAL
Biohazardous (metal, plastic, or glass)	Biohazardous Sharps/Waste Disposal - Quick Reference Guide http://go.hawaii.edu/9cx			
Hazardous chemical <u>metal</u> sharps ¹ OR Non-hazardous <u>metal</u> sharps (also new and unused)	Rinse if contaminated, collect rinsate if P-coded / insoluble OR Drain disposal of rinsate otherwise	Red, rigid plastic sharps container	(Specific chemical name) hazardous metal sharps OR Non-hazardous metal sharps (if decontaminated / new / unused)	EHSO Hazardous Waste using waste turn in form
Hazardous chemical glass / plastic ²	Place directly into container	Non-red and hard walled	(Specific chemical name)- contaminated solid waste (e.g. pipette tips, vials)	EHSO Hazardous Waste using waste turn in form
Non-hazardous glass / plastic ³	Place directly into container	Non-red and hard walled OR double lined plastic bag in a cardboard box	Non-hazardous glass / plastic	Place container in box, tape, label as "non-hazardous glass / plastic" - then place beside dumpster
Radioactive (metal, plastic, or glass) short lived <120 day half life	Place directly into container	White and hard walled	Radioactive sharps short lived	EHSO Radiation Safety
Radioactive (metal, plastic, or glass) long lived >120 day half life	Place directly into container	White and hard walled	Radioactive sharps long lived	EHSO Radiation Safety

1. Metal sharps contaminated with hazardous chemicals. For metal sharps contaminated with hazardous chemicals, (e.g., needles, razors, scalpels, or blades) rinse the metal sharps to remove the contamination. If the contaminate is a "P" chemical or insoluble collect the rinsate and turn the rinsate in to EHSO for disposal. Otherwise dispose of the rinsate down the drain. Place the decontaminated metal sharps in a red and rigid plastic sharps container. Use the EHSO waste turn in form for pick up. This procedure can also be used for metal sharps that are non-hazardous, new, and / or unused.
2. Glass or plastic contaminated with hazardous chemicals. For glass or plastic sharps contaminated with hazardous chemicals (e.g., pipet tips, glass vials), turn them in to EHSO as chemically contaminated solid hazardous waste indicating what chemical it is contaminated with (e.g., pipet tips contaminated with phenol, or solid waste contaminated with 1% ethidium bromide).
3. Non-hazardous glass or plastic. Dispose of the glass / plastic by placing the containers (boxed non-red hard walled container or plastic lined cardboard box) and place beside dumpster for disposal.