

## PLASTIC PIPETTE PACKAGING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES UPDATE

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This flyer is designed to eliminate much of the confusion surrounding the issue of plastic pipette waste disposal and to aid in disposing of these waste streams properly and safely. The Biosafety Committee has adopted a procedure for the disposal of plastic pipettes contaminated with biological agents. The laboratory procedure is as follows:

- ◆ Autoclave only **biologically** contaminated plastic pipettes.
- ◆ Double bag waste to contain residual liquids after autoclaving. Use **clear** plastic bag.
- ◆ Dispose as regular waste.

This procedure will keep the costs of disposing of these waste streams to a minimum. The table below is a procedural guide for the disposal of other plastic pipette waste. If you have any questions, contact your Departmental Safety Advisor at 476-1300.

Contamination classification:	Picked up by:	Container type:	Required labeling:
Biological only ①	Facilities Management	Red Plastic Bags	"Medical Waste"
Hazardous Chemical only ②	EH&S	Cardboard Box	Hazardous Chemical Waste Tag
Mixed Waste ① & ② Combined (considered Hazardous Chemical)	EH&S	Cardboard Box	Hazardous Chemical Waste Tag
Radioactive only* ③	EH&S	Cardboard Box	Radioactive Waste Tag
Mixed Waste ① & ③ Combined* (considered Radioactive)	EH&S	Cardboard Box	Radioactive Waste Tag
Mixed Waste ①, ② & ③ Combined* (considered Radioactive)	EH&S	Cardboard Box	Radioactive Waste Tag
Mixed Waste ② & ③ Combined* (considered Radioactive)	EH&S	Cardboard Box	Radioactive Waste Tag

\* As with all radioactive wastes, these wastes must also be separated according to half-life.