

Biology Department Waste Removal

Container	Contents	Removal
Sharps: red, plastic boxes (in each lab)	Syringes, needles, razor blades, contaminated slides and cover slips	Contracted; Remove when 2/3 to 3/4 full or after 1 year of use. Date should be on side of container. See Dr. Gabel
Biohazards: cardboard boxes lined with red bags (in Thomas Hall 126A)	Animal carcasses, dissection specimens, human blood, and bodily fluids	Contracted; Contact Dr. Gabel
Hazardous Chemical Waste: bins labeled “satellite accumulation area” (under the hood in most labs)	Chemicals that must be removed according to EPA regulations (ask your professor if you use any of these) – flammable, corrosive, reactive, or EPA listed.	Contracted; Each lab is responsible for maintaining its own hazardous chemical waste inventory and collection. The waste must be kept in SAA bins in hoods in that lab where it is generated in sealed, labeled containers until pickup.
Plastic Lab Waste: white, cardboard boxes (in each lab)	gloves, plastic pipettes, petri dishes, 15 and 50 mL tubes, micro-centrifuge tubes, etc. *Please be sure <u>NOT</u> to include anything that can't be autoclaved: solvents, ethidium bromide, etc.*	When the box is 3/4 full, remove the bag and bring to Dr. Gabel for autoclaving. Re-use the box by lining with 2 autoclave bags (located on the bottom shelf of the cart near the autoclave in Thomas Hall 126A).
Broken Glass: white/blue cardboard boxes in each lab)	non-contaminated broken glass, slides, cover slips, Pasteur pipettes, etc.	When the box is 3/4 full, taped closed. Email facilities@ursinus.edu to have the box picked up. These boxes will not be re-used. Dr. Gabel will give you a replacement box.
General Waste: gray, square plastic bins (in each lab)	paper pipette wrappers, paper towels, food containers, foil, plastic wrap, packaging materials, etc.	Ursinus custodial staff will remove.
Recycle Bins: green plastic bins (in hallways)	Plastics, mixed paper, metals, and glass. See UC sustainable website for more information.	Various campus organizations will remove.

Cardboard – break down and place next to the closest green recycling bin. For large quantities, contact Facilities at Facilities@ursinus.edu.

Lamps containing mercury or other heavy metal should be brought to Dr. Gabel for recycling.