








Laboratory Waste Information Sheet: **Where does my waste go?**

Liquid laboratory waste	Solid laboratory waste	Uncontaminated broken glass	Chemically contaminated sharps (non-bio)	Biohazardous sharps	Uncontaminated solid waste	Cleaned chemical containers
						
Choose a compatible container type.	Chemically contaminated solid waste. Includes contaminated glassware (non-sharps).	Includes ONLY clean glassware. Picked up by housekeeping.	Mark out biohazard symbol and add laboratory waste label.	Do not overfill container.	Regular trash. Picked up by housekeeping.	Recycling—must follow listed procedures for triple rinsing.

Basic Waste Reminders

ALWAYS

- ALWAYS** use containers that are compatible with the materials to be collected.
- ALWAYS** label waste at the start of collection.
- ALWAYS** provide secondary containment for liquid waste.
- ALWAYS** keep containers closed with lid firmly secured.
- ALWAYS** inspect containers to make sure they are not becoming brittle or starting to crack.

NEVER

- NEVER** store incompatible materials together.
- NEVER** combine different types of wastes.
- NEVER** overfill containers. *Waste containers should be no more than 2/3 full.*
- NEVER** pour any chemicals down the drain. *Must have prior approval from Lab Safety.*
- NEVER** evaporate waste OR store waste in a fume hood for long periods of time.
- NEVER** bring waste from off campus.

For waste questions, please contact **Office of Research Compliance**
Lab Safety at waste@utdallas.edu or **ext. 4978**