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Waste Management

Per Massachusetts regulations:

All **sharps** will be placed in a leak proof, labeled sharps container regardless of whether they are contaminated with biohazardous material. Care must be taken to not overfill the container. Close the container when approximately 2/3 full and use a new container. The PIs name and lab number will be written on the side of the sharp container and will be dropped off during EH&S waste room hours.

All **biohazardous liquids** will be treated with sodium hypochlorite (bleach). One part bleach will be added to 10 parts of liquid. The solution will be allowed to sit for at least 30 minutes prior to sink disposal.

All **solid non-sharp biohazardous materials** will be placed in labeled containers lined with biohazard bags. Containers will be closed when not in use. When approximately 2/3 full, the container will be removed to the **autoclave room #_____** and bags will be removed from the container and **autoclaved for 60 minutes with a sterilization period of 15 minutes at 121°C degrees**. When cool, autoclaved bags will be bagged in a black bag. All personnel will attend autoclave training and take the online autoclave training through the EH&S web site.