

CLEANUP AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE

Est. Total Time: 10 minutes.

Summary: Many people use the lab. Good lab hygiene is a must!

SAFETY

- Wear appropriate PPE at all times. You are handling waste.

Cleanup:

1. Put all equipment and extra supplies in their designated locations (Locations on General Inventory List).
2. Remove all labeling tape from glass/plasticware.
3. Wash all glassware and containers used, and hang them from the racks above the sinks.
4. Replace all reagents in their proper locations.
5. Wipe down all used surfaces with a 70% Isopropyl Alcohol Solution.
6. Dispose of waste, hazardous and non-hazardous.
7. Consult Lab Staff if unsure about any of the above.

The Waste Pathway:

The laboratory disposes of waste in many separate ways. Each type of waste is classified by the risks it poses, and is disposed of in a manner commensurate with said risk. Therefore, this is what you do:

<i>Hazardous Waste Materials</i>	<i>Disposal Container</i>
Chemically contaminated Glass or Plastic that can be perceived as Sharp.	White Glass Disposal Boxes
Metal Sharps and Biologically contaminated Glass or Plastic that can be perceived as Sharp. Paper wrappers, such as for pipettes, do not belong here.	Red Sharps Containers
Non-liquid, Non-Sharps that are Biologically contaminated. For instance, agar plates.	Orange Biohazard Bins
Liquid Waste	Consult Lab Staff

- GLOVES, PAPER TOWELS, KIMWIPES, PAPER WRAPPERS, MAY ALL GO INTO THE REGULAR TRASH.
- GELS FROM ELECTROPHORESES MUST BE WRAPPED IN SARAN WRAP, WHEREUPON THEY CAN BE THROWN INTO THE TRASH.
- **IF IN DOUBT, ASK!**

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