

Regulated Biohazardous Waste Procedures

Proper Handling, Packaging, & Disposal of Regulated Biohazardous Waste (Red Bag) as Defined by the Arkansas Department of Health

*Note: This does **NOT** apply to those who generate Non-regulated Biohazardous Waste*

1. Use a red biohazardous waste bin (secondary container) lined with a red biohazardous bag (both provided by ENHS to collect Regulated Biohazardous Waste.
 - Other rigid red biohazardous containers (i.e., sharps containers) do not have to be lined with a bag. Contact ENHS for clarification if necessary.
2. Regulated Biohazardous Waste (red biohazardous bins lined with red biohazardous bags, biohazardous sharps containers, etc.) must always have a lid in place unless actively disposing of waste.
3. Do not allow waste containment to become more than $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
4. When biohazardous waste containment is ready for disposal, do the following:
 - a. For red biohazardous bins with red biohazardous liners
 - Tie the bag ends together and secure the secondary containment lid to prevent potential spillage. Never leave the bags open inside the bins.
 - b. For other rigid red biohazardous containers
 - Secure the lid and make sure to seal any other openings. It may be necessary to use strong tape in securing lids and sealing openings to prevent spillage. Place containers inside of an ENHS-provided, red biohazardous bin for secondary containment and secure the lid.
5. Complete the orange “Contains Untreated Biohazard Waste” label (provided by ENHS) and affix it to the top of the secondary containment lid. These labels are stickers; peel away the backing to expose adhesive for securing the labels to the secondary containers.
6. Place the regulated biohazardous waste in your designated satellite accumulation area or another storage site.
7. Complete a [hazardous waste pickup form](#) and email it as an attachment to enhs@uark.edu.
 - a. These forms can be found on the [ENHS webpage](#)
 - Scroll down to near the bottom of the page and click the large red button that says, ‘Hazardous Waste Pickup’.
 - You may leave the ‘SAA’ field blank, but all other fields should be filled out.
8. Your email can simply say you are requesting a biohazardous waste pickup, but you can also use the email to ask for more orange labels or red bins. Two red liners will be provided with each bin delivered.

Your waste will not be picked up if your regulated biohazardous waste is not properly packaged, labeled and pickup requested through the hazardous waste pickup form.

Never place red or orange-red bags in dumpsters for disposal!

For more information about Regulated Biohazardous Waste, please contact the campus Biological Safety Officer, [Brooke Howard-Parker](#).