

Regulated Biohazardous Waste Procedures

Procedure for Proper Handling, Packaging, & Disposal of Regulated Biohazardous (Biomedical/Infectious) Waste as Defined by Arkansas Department of Health

Note: This does NOT apply to those who generate unregulated biowaste (non-pathogenic/non-infectious waste). Unregulated biowaste should be collected in white/clear biohazard bags ONLY and disposal methods differ from Regulated Biohazardous Waste. For more details, see the contact information below.

1. Use a red biohazardous waste bin (secondary container) lined with a red biohazardous bag (both provided by EHS to collect regulated biohazardous waste.
 - a. Other rigid red biohazardous containers (i.e. sharps containers) do not have to be lined with a bag. Contact EHS 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
 - i. 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
 - i. 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 EHS-provided, red biohazardous bin for secondary containment and secure the lid.
5. Complete the orange "Contains Untreated Biohazard Waste" label (provided by ENHS) and fix it to the top of the secondary containment lid. These labels are stickers with a backing that can be peeled away 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 pick-up form and email it as an attachment to enhs@uark.edu.
 - a. These forms can be found on the EHS webpage at enhs.uark.edu
 - i. Scroll down to near the bottom of the page and click the large red button that says, 'Hazardous Waste Pickup'.
 - ii. 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.

IF YOUR REGULATED BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE IS NOT PROPERLY PACKAGED, LABELED, AND REQUESTED FOR PICKUP USING THE HAZARDOUS WASTE PICKUP FORM, YOUR WASTE WILL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE SITE.

For more information about regulated biohazardous waste or unregulated biowaste (non-pathogenic/non-infectious) handling, packaging, and disposal procedures, please contact:

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