

GUIDELINES FOR DISPOAL OF BAGGED REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE

IRP-1 and IRP-2

Modified on August 2022

Approved Bags

- **RED** polypropylene bag that is at least 2 mil thick (two bags are required for double-bagging)
 - Must have the Biohazard label, at least 2" in size.
 - Must have the words "Potentially Infectious Material" or "Biohazardous"
 - Must have the words "Autoclave Bag"
1. NO regulated medical waste (RMW) bag can be disposed into the red 96-gal container without a red liner bag already being placed in the container. A roll of liner bags is next to the container. (No liners, leave a note on top of Waste bin for the vendor driver to leave more).
 2. The lid of the container must be completely closed after the biohazardous bag goes in. If the lid cannot be completely closed after a bag goes in, use a different container for that bag. Overloading a container is not allowed.
 3. All regulated medical waste (RMW) must be placed in approved **RED** regulated medical waste bags and **double bagged** before being disposed into the 96-Gal red container in the designated areas. Each of the double bags has to be sealed individually.
 4. Room number, date and generator's initial/name must be clearly written on the bag directly (do not use any sticky note or tape).
 5. Serological pipettes must be separated from other RMW and double bagged. Form a "log"
 6. **No glass or sharps** may be placed in the red RMW bags.
 7. All sharps go in approved sharps container (red, leakproof, puncture resistant plastic box, maximum size is no more than 14 quarts). The sharps container should be securely closed then **bagged** (one bag is fine). Do not mix the sharp container with any other waste in a bag.
 8. **No liquid** exceeding the reasonable residual amount is allowed to be disposed in the red bags.
 9. All RMW bags shall be filled no more than **3/4 full**.
 10. All RMW bags including each bag of the double bags must be closed with closures or tied **tightly**, prior to disposal. Do not use the autoclave tape to tie the bags.

11. When disposing the RMW bag into the large red bin, arrange and position the bag so that the space in the bin can be more efficiently used and make sure the bag is facing up.
12. The RMW generator assumes all responsibility for assuring **absolutely no hazardous waste, i.e., chemicals, radioactive waste or animal carcasses** is contained in the red RMW bags.
13. Unless specifically used to clean up a biohazard spill, no paper towels should be placed in red Regulated Medical Waste bags. Towels used to routinely clean a work surface before and after use, should be placed in "uncontaminated" waste receptacle.

Note:

Should you have a question, please feel free to contact the core lab of CBE. Thank you!