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BIOHAZARDOUS SHARPS CONTAINERS

Used for disposal of **biohazardous** sharps such as contaminated needles, scalpels, broken glass, pipet tips, etc.

Meets OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard for puncture resistant containers.

Replaced when it reaches 3/4 full.

Labeled in accordance with OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard.

Leakproof on the sides and bottom.

Discarded in UN3291 Regulated Medical Waste cardboard boxes for off-site incineration.



Office of Laboratory Safety Guidelines:

SHARPS DISPOSAL CONTAINERS

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BROKEN GLASS CONTAINERS

Used for disposal of **non-hazardous** glass such as broken or unwanted glassware and other properly decontaminated sharps.

Has limited puncture resistance, especially when wet. Replaced before it's too heavy to lift, even if not completely full. Has limited leak resistance – inner plastic bag can be easily punctured. Limited sturdiness - bottom may fall out if container is overfilled. Discarded in dumpster as regular landfill waste.

Biohazardous sharps containers are discarded in UN3291 Regulated Medical Waste cardboard boxes.

