Summary
Biological Waste Collection
SOP-0009

Synopsis:

This SOP explains how to properly discard regulated medical waste and what can or cannot go into approved containers. It contains information on pick-up procedures for labs and how to contact EHS for special pick-ups or questions. It also cites Massachusetts Department of Health and DOT regulations regarding safe disposal, packaging, and transportation of infectious material.

Summary Procedure:

1. Lab personnel order containers from EHS which fit their needs for RMW disposal, taking into account high turnover rate and space considerations.
2. All sharp waste is placed into rigid plastic container and sealed before placing in cardboard biobox.
3. Non-sharp waste can be collected in step cans and when full bag is tied off and placed into biobox.
4. When biobox is full put in request on EHS website for box to be collected. In Buildings 46 and 76 the full biobox is wheeled to waste collection area on the floor and an empty box is taken in its place.
5. Periodic checks of waste area and containers must be performed and containers need to be cleaned at least once per month.