



## Safe Science = Good Science Dec. 7, 2020

Basic Biosafety & Bloodborne Pathogen Training is required to handle medical waste.

### Stericycle Containers:

- Small cardboard; max 40 lbs.
- Medium cardboard; max 50 lbs.
- Gray tote; max 50 lbs.
- Red barrel; max 50 lbs.

### Red bag liner:

- Must be primary liner
- Use overhand knot

*There is no charge for the containers or red bag.*

### Stericycle Labels:

- White: autoclave
- Yellow: incineration

*Yellow labels are required for trace chemo waste, animal carcasses, organs, or other recognizable tissues, human organs or tissues.*

**For questions or concerns about medical waste pick up service** please call David Schlaegel at 852 5230 or email [david.schlaegel@louisville.edu](mailto:david.schlaegel@louisville.edu).

# Medical Waste

**Effective January 4, 2021.**

The red door hang tag system will no longer be utilized on HSC Campus. University personnel will be required to call or submit online form to request medical waste service.

### To Request Medical Waste Containers, Red Bags, and Pick Up

To request pick up of full medical waste containers and/or replacement medical waste supplies, lab and clinic personnel will...

- Call PP Work Control (Belknap 852-6241; HSC 852-5695) OR
- Submit online Physical Plant Non-Chargeable Service Request form <http://louisville.edu/physicalplant/forms>
- Personnel need to provide the number of medical waste containers to be picked up
- For replacement supplies, personnel need to include type and quantity of medical waste containers and number of red bags

### To Request Stericycle Bar Code labels and/or 2" wide clear tape

- HSC Campus locations can pick up supplies from DEHS Radiation Safety Office located in Library Commons Room 102. Call ahead to 852-5231 to ensure someone is available to receive you.
- Belknap Campus (Biology Labs) can visit Biology Dept. office in Life Sciences OR
- Email [dehsubm@louisville.edu](mailto:dehsubm@louisville.edu), Subject: "Medical Waste Labels" your Name, Dept, Lab Location, and Campus Mail Address

### For pick up, containers must meet the following criteria:

1. Inside red bag must be properly tied closed.
2. Outer container must be securely closed or, if cardboard box, properly taped with 2" wide clear tape.
3. The container should not be over-filled (top must be flat) or exceed weight – see maximum weight in left column.
4. The container cannot be damaged, wet or leaking (if it is, Custodial Service staff will leave container in place and leave note on top of container).
5. Stericycle bar code label (white or yellow) attached to outer container.
6. Generating lab location info marked or labeled on box. This information must include:
  - Building and room number
  - Contact name and phone number