## Medical/Biological Waste Decision Process

## If YES to any of these questions: Is the Waste? The waste is a regulated Generated from the product, or an item **BIOMEDICAL WASTE** treatment or contaminated with immunization of animals visible blood? or humans? At the point of origin, all sharps must be <u>A culture</u> of an placed in a red puncture resistant biomedical waste collection container, and to humans? all non-sharps waste must placed in a Generated by research properly labeled biomedical waste bag in a involving live or labeled and puncture-proof outer container. attenuated pathogenic syringe NOT filled Sealed sharps containers and red bags will be collected by the custodial staff.

Generated from work involving recombinant DNA?

Yes .

The waste may be regulated under NIH guidelines. Contact EHS Office for further assistance.

## The following may be placed into the regular trash, if not contaminated with biomedical waste:

- Non-infectious pipettes, tubes, tubing or other glass or plastic containers
- Non-infectious scalpels, razors, glass or plastic (e.g. centrifuge tubes, microcentrifuge or Eppendorf tubes, curettes and capped tubes) These materials must be packaged to prevent sharp points or edges from protruding through a regular trash bag containers and do not present a threat of infection to humans.
- Non-infectious solid animal dissection waste that was previously in a preservative. This waste (no liquid preservative) must be double bagged in thick plastic bags and sealed.