

# UAB SAFETY SHORT

## PACKAGING SHARPS AND LAB GLASS WASTE

### Sharps

**ALWAYS** sharps waste:

- needles and IV tubing with needles
- syringes without needles
- lancets
- scalpel blades

Sharps waste if **CONTAMINATED** with biohazards (including recombinant or synthetic DNA/RNA):

- razor blades
- broken glass
- fragile glass items, **Pasteur pipettes**, slides and cover slips.



Permanently close the container when it is  $\frac{3}{4}$  full or when items do not freely fall into the container, regardless of the fullness level. **If using a large sharps container that does not fit inside the Stericycle transport container, Stericycle requires they are rated PGII.**

### BIOHAZARDOUS LAB PLASTIC

**CONTAMINATED** with biohazards (including recombinant or synthetic DNA/RNA) and could puncture a plastic bag

- micropipette tips
- **serological pipettes**
- other items that could puncture a biohazard bag

Please either bind serological pipettes together and place in original packaging then into red biohazard bag or another puncture resistant container like the one shown below.



Pipette tips and other items can be placed in a small biohazard bag or another puncture resistance container like the one picture, then into a transport bag for disposal.



### Non- Hazardous Lab Glass

**NOT contaminated** with biohazards and could puncture a plastic bag

- micropipette tips
- serological pipettes
- test tubes
- broken glass, fragile glass items, Pasteur pipettes, slides and cover slips

**These come with clear liner bags. Never line these with biohazard bags.**

