# **Autoclave Waste Management**

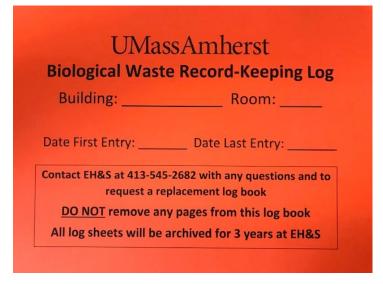
#### What waste is autoclaved?

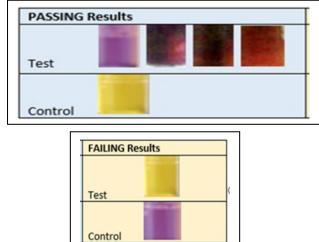
- Disposable lab ware contaminated with potentially biohazardous materials
  - blood/ body fluids
  - all cell culture materials
- bacteria & viruses
- recombinant DNA

culture plates and media

fungi

**DO NOT** autoclave radioactive materials, hazardous chemicals, or bleach







Date (MM/DD/YY)	Quantity	Container Type	Autoclaving	Cycle#	Principal Investigator	Print Your Name	Quality Control Results	
						Your Signature	Chemical Indicator Successful	Spore Test Done (at least monthly)
10-29-19	2	✓Bags	✓ Biological Waste  □ Sterile Supplies	4	Carson Smith	Felicity Sample	✓ <sub>Yes</sub>	□ Yes**
		□Flasks □Other:				Felicity Sample	□ No*	
10-29-19	1	✓Bags □Flasks	✓Biological Waste  □ Sterile Supplies	4	Anna Taylor	Stanley Muenster	□ Yes	□ Yes**
		□Other:				Stanley Mvenster	□ No*	

<u>Table 1:</u> Example of properly documented logbook entry



### **BEFORE EVERY RUN:**

Remove all debris from the strainer in the bottom of the autoclave chamber.

#### **Procedure: Solid Waste**

- 1. Use clear autoclave bags (**No red or orange bags** or visible biohazard symbols)
- 2. Bag should be loosely packed and not more than 3/4 full
- 3. Do not seal bag shut—the opening should be an inch in diameter for steam penetration
- 4. Use a chemical indicator (autoclave tape) on the exterior of the bag
- 5. Enter your waste information in the log book
- 6. Place waste in secondary containment bins (Use only autoclavable plastics)
- 7. Bags should not touch each other or the walls, floor, top of the autoclave.
- 8. Autoclave at 121°C for **60 minutes** and allow the bag to cool
- 9. Fill in information on the "Autoclave Waste" label and place on the autoclaved bag
- 10. Place the labeled bag inside a black or opaque trash bag and place in the regular waste receptacle
- 11. Complete the log book and print as well as sign your name and enter results of indicator

## **Procedure: Liquid Waste**

- 1. Enter the waste information in the log book
- 2. Place the liquid in secondary containment, apply autoclave indicator tape
- 3. Autoclave at 121°C for 60 minutes on a Liquid Cycle

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