

Bio-waste Fact Sheet – No Autoclave

Audience: If you **do not have access to an autoclave** to sterilize your waste, please follow the instructions below.

Purpose: to avoid having open bio-waste containers in the lab which will reduce the production of aerosols and provide proper waste containment¹ for your safety.

1. Waste is to be collected into a labelled step can that is lined with a plastic trash bag.



To be used for
**ACTIVE
COLLECTION.**

EH&S can supply you with biohazard labels if you do not have them available. You will need to purchase the step can and the trash bags.

2. When the bag in the step can is full, please **seal** the bag (tie or tape) and place it into the red bio-waste container or cardboard box (**lined with a red biohazard bag**) that was provided by the waste contractor (these containers do not belong to UMass). Please keep the lid on this container. ([Click here to obtain boxes or liners](#))



To be
picked up
by vendor.



3. When the red bio-waste container is full, please **seal the red bag** and place a [pick-up](#) request in CEMS to remove the full red containers.

1. *All procedures are carefully performed to minimize the creation of aerosols or splatters of infectious materials and waste.* Centers for Disease Control: Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, 5th Edition