WHY DIDN’T THE CUSTODIAN PICK UP MY TRASH?

Regular trash and other waste will not be picked up by custodians if it contains hazardous materials, anything that looks like it, or if it is not properly labeled/packaged. These restrictions protect the campus interest, and custodians and other waste handlers from exposure to hazardous materials disposed improperly. **Custodians will not pick up the following materials:**

**Medical Waste & Biohazardous Materials**
- Red Bagged waste
- Biological cultures in regular trash
- Dead animals/animal parts in regular waste
- Animal bedding/fur in regular waste
- Autoclaved liquid waste (must be decontaminated and disposed of via the sanitary sewer like non-medical/biohazardous liquids)

**Chemicals**
- Empty chemical bottles/cans that are capped, not rinsed or labels not defaced
- Unknown powder in regular waste container
- Loose liquid, including culture medium and agar, in regular waste or lab glass box (wet box)
- Liquid remaining in containers and centrifuge vessels
- Anything with a hazardous waste label not defaced in regular waste container

**Lab Glass**
- Lab glass in regular waste container
- Lab glass box

**Radiation**
- No radioactive waste
- Nothing with a radioactive symbol that is not defaced

**Sharps**
- “Sharps” in regular waste container (needles, syringes, lancets, scalpel blades…)
- “Sharps” containers must not be placed in regular waste container

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