

Spotlight On Safety

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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 is hazardous, or if it is not properly labeled/packaged. These restrictions protect the campus, custodial staff, and other waste handlers from exposure to both physical hazards and hazardous materials. **Custodians will not pick up the following materials (please report to EH&S if discovered outside of labs or in any standard trash receptacle):**

Medical Waste & Biohazardous Materials

- Red Bagged waste
- Biological cultures in regular trash
- Dead animals/ animal parts in regular trash
- Animal bedding/ fur in regular trash
- Autoclaved liquid waste (must be decontaminated and disposed of via the sanitary sewer per the Medical Waste Management Plan)

Chemicals

- Empty chemical bottles/cans that are capped, visibly contain material, or labels that have not been defaced
- Unknown powder in regular waste container
- Free liquid, including culture medium and agar, in regular waste or lab glass box (wet box)
- Liquid remaining in containers and centrifuge vials/tubes
- Anything with a hazardous waste label not defaced

Lab Glass

- Lab glass in regular waste container
- Contaminated glass in broken glass box (these should be tagged with WASTE)

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

Visit www.ehs.ucr.edu for additional information or call EH&S at 951-827-5528 if you have any questions.