

## WASTE DISPOSAL PRESERVED SPECIMEN DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

- Use the Incinerator service for preserved specimens since they cannot be autoclaved.
  - Preservation fluid must be separated from the specimens.
  - Use proper personal protective equipment (PPE) when performing the following tasks. Use elbow length gloves.
1. Set up Incinerator box: tape up the bottom with clear tape and line the box with one red biohazard bag.
  2. Carefully Place the preserved specimens **minus the preserving solution**, in the red bag lining the box.
  3. Tie two overhand knots in the red bag, close and tape the top of the box.
  4. Obtain a label from the wall by the loading dock of NSC. Fill in your laboratory information and place the label on the box.
  4. Leave the box in the hall near the loading dock after 3:30 pm on Tuesdays and before 7:00 am on Wednesdays.
  5. For additional supplies contact the stockroom in person at 262 NSC.
  6. Contact Environmental Programs to obtain an appropriate container for the preservation solution: [eprograms@gsu.edu](mailto:eprograms@gsu.edu)
  7. Pour the preservation solution into the provided container and securely close the container. Label the container as Preservation fluid or the trade name such as Carosafe.
  8. Use Chematix to submit a waste worksheet for pickup: <https://chematix.gsu.edu/Chematix/Main>  
Or e-mail Environmental Programs at [eprograms@gsu.edu](mailto:eprograms@gsu.edu)

For questions or concerns contact the Biosafety Officer: 3-3510, or the Chemical Safety Specialist: 3-3568



### TYPES OF REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE

1. Pathological Waste - Human and contaminated animal body parts, organs, cultures. Surgical specimens, fluids, carcasses and blood contaminated articles.
2. Laboratory Waste - Non-pathological cultures, stocks, vaccines and vaccine production waste, microbiological specimens and related wastes
3. Sharps - needles, syringes, blades, contaminated surgical instruments and contaminated glassware (including slides, pipettes, blood tubes, blood vials and broken glass)

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