

General Safety Guidelines for Bio-Hazardous Waste Disposal

- Determine if you have a Bio-Hazardous Waste
- A properly completed and signed Bio-Material Pickup and Treatment Certification (<http://www.purdue.edu/rem/home/forms/biohaz.pdf>) form must be attached to or placed near the waste.
- Determine the following: Which type of bio-waste do you have, category 1 or 2?
 - **Category 1 biological waste includes any human-derived biological or substance known, assumed, or suspected of being infectious to humans, plants, or animals before treatment that may cause harm to the general public if released to the environment. Category 1 biological waste also includes any material contaminated with the aforementioned infectious substances and all items containing or contaminated with human blood or blood products.)**
 - **Category 2 biological waste includes animal tissue, fluids, cell cultures, Petri dishes, and etc. NOT fitting the category 1 description.**
- **ALL BIO-HAZARDOUS WASTE OF CATEGORY 1 NEEDS TO BE TREATED BY AUTOCLAVE OR WITH HIV/HBV KILLING AGENT BEFORE PICK-UP**
- Bio-hazardous waste that has chemical compounds, Ethidium bromide, or Chromium for example, needs to be disposed as Hazardous Waste Material **not as** Bio-Hazardous Waste. For more information call REM at 49-40121 or refer to <http://www.purdue.edu/rem/eh/biowaste.htm>.
- For the removal of bio-hazardous waste, call REM at 49-40121, and be ready to give the following information:
 - Your name, department, building, room, and phone
 - Category of the waste, 1 or 2, and the description
 - The treatment method used
 - The number or bags and/or boxes to be removed
- REM typically will remove your biological waste by the following workday.
- For further information call REM (40121) and/or review the Purdue Biological Safety Manual (<http://www.purdue.edu/rem/home/booklets/bioman.pdf>).