

ANGELINA COLLEGE HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS	
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Introduction

It is the policy of Angelina College to ensure the health and safety of its students, faculty, and staff. The Medical Waste Procedure has been developed to protect students and personnel by eliminating or minimizing their exposure to untreated medical waste and to comply with all Medical Waste Management Safety Codes. Any potential exposure to untreated medical or biohazardous waste or sharps injuries must be reported immediately to the Manager of Environmental Health & Safety and Emergency Management at (936) 633-3244.

Responsibility for Waste Management

The responsibility for waste management and pickup is as follows:

- Manager of Environmental
 - Hazardous Waste
 - Mixed Waste (Mixtures of medical and non-medical waste)
 - Regulated Medical Waste / Sharps
- Other
 - Biological Waste Autoclave (not medical waste, e.g., petri dishes used for culture) School of Science & Mathematics
 - Pharmaceutical Waste: School of Health Careers Division
 - Solid Waste (waste which is not hazardous) Campus Services

Containment and Storage

Medical or Biohazard Waste

Medical and Biohazardous Waste must be contained at the point of generation in biohazard bags, separated from other types of waste.

Biohazard bags must be tied closed and placed in rigid containers with a tight-fitting lid. The container must be labeled as "Biohazardous Waste" or "Biohazard" and with the International Biohazard Symbol. It is recommended that medical waste be placed in double biohazard bags to prevent spills should the primary bag fail.

Note: Waste containers must be covered by a tight-fitting lid that is removed only while the container is being filled or emptied. The waste container should only be filled to the point where the lid fits tightly at all times. The waste containers are never to be overfilled.

Animal Carcasses (in preservative):

- Preserved carcasses must be double-bagged in heavy plastic bags (not Biohazard Bags)
- Each bag should weigh no more than 50 pounds. More than one carcass may be placed in a bag as long as the weight does not exceed 50 pounds.
- Call Maintenance at (936) 633-5280 for pickup.

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Sharps

All sharps waste must be contained in designated sharps containers with the International Biohazard Symbol and the word "Biohazard" on the sharp's container.

Sharps containers ready for disposal will be picked up by the Manager of Environmental for disposal.

Storage and Disposal of Intact Glass Pipettes and Glass Tips

Due to the expense of sharps containers, intact glass pipettes and pipette tips potentially contaminated with biohazard materials may be disposed of by placing them in a biohazard bag in a biohazard cardboard box. Once the box is filled, it must be sealed and disposed of in a biohazard bag to prevent puncture of the bag by the glass pipettes and tips. The box can then be picked up by the Manager of Environmental. Broken glass pipettes must be disposed of in a sharp's container.

Pharmaceutical Waste

A pharmaceutical is a prescription, or over-the-counter human or veterinary drug. This does not include radiological materials. Pharmaceutical waste should be labeled with the words "Pharmaceutical Waste". Contact the Manager of Environmental for questions on Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal.

Off Campus of Waste

Disposal of medical waste must be by a licensed and approved registered hazardous waste hauler. A complete tracking document must be maintained for all medical waste shipped off-site for disposal. All medical waste tracking documents and treatment records must be kept for a minimum of three (3) years. Medical Waste pick-ups shall be on a quarterly basis. Records are maintained by the Manager of Environmental.

Training

Personnel handling medical waste must be properly trained in the following areas:

- Exposure Control Training
- Regulated Medical Waste Training