UC Davis – Campus Biohazardous Waste Flow Chart

Material	Clear Autoclave Bags/Sharps	Red Autoclave Bags/Sharps	Liquid Waste	Pathology Waste
	Containers	Containers		
	Autoclave Bags (30 minutes@121°)		1:10 Final Volume bleach	N/A
Plant Biohazards	and dispose of as solid waste. Clear	N/A	solution, 30 minute	
	Sharps containers sent out to		contact time and drain	
	Stericycle for autoclave/incineration		dispose.	
	treatment.			
	Autoclave Bags (30 minutes@121°)		1:10 Final Volume bleach	Incineration.
Animal Biohazards	and dispose of as solid waste.	N/A	solution, 30 minute	
	Clear Sharps containers sent out to		contact time and drain	
	Stericycle for autoclave/incineration		dispose.	
	treatment.			
Animal Biohazards	N/A	All red bags/sharps sent out to	1:10 Final Volume bleach	Incineration.
(zoonotic)		Stericycle for autoclave/incineration.	solution, 30 minute	
			contact time and drain	
			dispose.	
		All red bags/sharps sent out to	1:10 Final Volume bleach	Unrecognizable
Human Biohazards	N/A	Stericycle for autoclave/incineration.	solution, 30 minute	tissues incinerated.
			contact time and drain	Recognizable body
			dispose.	parts are cremated.

There are two approved treatment methods on campus for Medical Waste

- 1. Collection, transport and treatment by Stericycle for autoclave (red bags/sharps laboratory waste).
- 2. Collection, transport and treatment by Stericycle for incineration (pathology, chemo and pharmaceutical laboratory waste).

NOTE: an approved Medical Waste *Autoclave (must be approved by EH&S) prior to use.

Clear Bag Non-Medical Waste = all BSL 1 and 2 biohazardous agents not known to be infectious to humans. **Red Bag Medical Waste** = all BSL 2 and 3 biohazardous agents potentially or known to be infectious to humans.