University Segregation of Healthcare and Offensive Laboratory Waste

**Infectious and Non-Infectious Waste**
All active Hazard Group 1 and 2 biological waste.

**Offensive Laboratory Waste**
Laboratory disposables including gloves, pipette tips, tubes, syringes etc., soiled animal bedding, autoclaved laboratory waste (non-GM), environmental samples, contaminated paper towels.

**Sharps Waste (Non GM)**
Blunt and sharp needles, scalpel blades, glass pasteur pipettes, broken contaminated glassware, glass drug / chemical vials, surgical instruments, glass slides or any other item that may cause cuts or puncture wounds.

**Semi-Sharp Waste**
Plastic pipettes (1, 5, 10 ml etc.,) and pipette tips although not sharps should be considered as such and disposed of in a suitable puncture proof container.

**Autoclaved Waste**
All waste produced in conjunction with microbiological containment levels 1, 2 and 3 work and GM. Waste at containment level 3 and GM waste must be autoclaved via validated means prior to disposal as healthcare waste, including sharps and semi-sharps waste for which a container (as above) should be used before autoclaving.

**Specified by University BSM**
All healthcare wastes not already covered identified by the University Biological Safety Manager as requiring High Temperature Incineration.
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**Anatomical Waste**
All recognisable human or animal anatomical wastes.

**Cytotoxic Waste**
Specified wastes as determined by Health and Safety Services – contact Health and Safety Services for details. www.leeds.ac.uk/safety