

## GLASSBORO-MEDICAL WASTE MONTHLY PICKUP SCHEDULE 2023

January 18th	February 15 <sup>th</sup>
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	April 12 <sup>th</sup>
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	June 7 <sup>th</sup>
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	September 27 <sup>th</sup>
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	November 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Pick Up to be Coordinated by EHS through a Registered Regulated Medical Waste Disposal Company	

### Regulated Medical Waste Storage & Disposal:

- Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) is waste contaminated with blood, body fluids, or other infectious materials.
- Sharps must be disposed of in rigid puncture and leak proof containers separate from other RMW.
- RMW must be stored in containers that are rigid, leak resistant, sealable, impervious to moisture, and strong enough to prevent tearing or bursting during handling.
- RMW must be stored in a secure area in a nonputrescent state.
- Solid RMW (non-sharps) must be disposed of in a red bag lined container with the biohazard symbol. The container must have a lid.
- Contact Laboratory Safety for instructions on the management of waste that is Both a Regulated Medical Waste and a Hazardous Waste.

### Sharps Regulated Medical Waste Storage & Disposal:

- Regulated Medical Waste Sharps include hypodermic needles, syringes, Pasteur pipettes, blades, blood vials, culture dishes, contaminated glassware, and all other items as defined as a Sharp in [N.J.A.C 7.26 3A](#).
- Per the NJDEP, **All Syringes** used with biological/infectious material with or without an attached needle must be disposed of as regulated medical waste sharps.
- Use of commercially available DOT certified RMW sharps containers is mandatory for the disposal of RMW syringes, needles, and blades.
- Sharps containers must not have any liquid waste present.
- Sharps containers must be disposed of at 3/4 full.
- Keep containers closed unless actively adding waste.

### LABELING:

- Ensure that each medical waste container has a Rowan University Regulated Medical Waste Label ***as soon as you start adding waste*** to the container.
  - Each individual “Red Bag” and sharps container must be labeled in order to be in compliance with State Regulations.
- Labels must identify the infectious/biological material(s) present in the waste.



### NON-COMMERCIAL SHARPS CONTAINERS:

- Rigid plastic containers pre-approved by Lab Safety may be used for the disposal of certain types of RMW Sharps. **Note:** RMW syringes, needles, and blades must be disposed of in commercial sharps containers.
- All sharps containers must be made of puncture resistant plastic (No metal or glass containers are permitted).
  - Regulated Medical Waste Labels must be placed on all sides so that it is clear that the container is a sharps container (if the container is circular, label on at least 3 sides).
  - All non-commercial sharps container must satisfy the following requirements:
    - The container must be leak and puncture resistant.
    - Original container labels must be covered or removed and proper RMW labels must be applied.
    - The container must have a secure closure system that will prevent spillage.
    - The container must be approved by Lab Safety.

### SCHEDULING A REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE PICK-UP:

- To arrange for pickup, logon to the [Lab Safety Webpage](#) and complete a Waste Determination & Pickup Request Form.
- Leave labeled waste containers in a conspicuous location.
- Ensure that containers are clean, properly sealed, completely labeled, and in good condition.
- Never overfill containers. Always dispose of containers when they reach 3/4 full.
- Never place sharps in a container which they could potentially cut through and cause an injury.
- Maintain an appropriate biohazard spill kit in your lab or work area.
- Contact EHS with questions or for assistance at 856.256.5105 or [LabSafety@Rowan.edu](mailto:LabSafety@Rowan.edu).