

# BIOWASTE, LLC CONTAINER SAFETY CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to verify that your containers are properly staged for pickup and to assure that Department of Transportation hazardous materials shipping requirements are met.

## For containers going into service or in process of being filled:

1. All biohazardous waste items are properly stored in the lined Biowaste, LLC waste containers (not on the floor, on top of the containers, etc.).
2. All containers in use are free of defects (e.g., no cracks on bottom, no substantial cracks on tops or top corners, lid is intact) and required transportation safety hazard identification markings are visible and legible.
3. No free liquids are present in the Biowaste, LLC containers (either inside or outside of the liner).
4. All containers are lined with a biohazard bag provided by the shipping vendor before items are placed in the container.
5. No loose sharps are present in the lined container.
6. All sharps containers are permanently closed and then placed upright in the Biowaste, LLC containers.
7. No chemical or radiological hazard containers are present.

## For containers that are full and being staged for pickup:

1. All containers are not overflowing and do not appear to exceed 50 pounds (container weight should not exceed 50 pounds).
2. All containers ready for pickup are free of defects (no cracks on bottom, no substantial cracks on tops or top corners, lid is intact) and required transportation safety hazard identification markings are visible and legible.
3. All container liners (biohazard bags) are securely closed using a single knot or two zip-ties (do not tape or tie two edges of the of the bag together for closure).
4. All containers designated for pickup are securely closed with no part of the liner (biohazard bag) outside of the lid.
5. All containers designated for pickup have a yellow tag on the handle with the pickup location (room and building only) written on the tag.
6. All containers ready for pickup are staged near the RMW pickup location sign.

## PICKUP REMINDERS:

- All labs using this service have a scheduled pickup day and timeframe. Biowaste, LLC will not pick up containers unless a currently trained and certified signer is present.
- ONLY lab members who have completed Regulated Medical Waste Shipper's training and have a current certificate may sign for Biowaste, LLC pickups.
- Use the QR code on RMW pickup postings for special requests or to report issues.