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STEPS FOR SAFE AND PROPER DISPOSAL OF SHARPS AND BROKEN GLASS

- **SHARPS:** any device that has rigid corners, edges, or protrusions capable of cutting or piercing and includes, but is not limited to: syringes and needles, razor blades, scalpel blades, glass Pasteur pipets and glassware.
- **NEVER** dispose of sharps in regular trash containers as this poses a potential health and safety hazard to personnel during trash handling and pickup. All sharps must be disposed of in a labeled, hard-sided, puncture-resistant container with a lid. Ensure sharps containers are available close to where sharps waste is generated. Do not overfill sharps containers or broken glass boxes; they must be tightly closed prior to disposal.
- **DO NOT** clip, bend, shear, or separate needles from syringes, **DO NOT** recap needles for disposal. These are the times you are most likely to be injured.
- Follow the additional requirements below for sharps used with the following materials:

