**BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN WASTE & DISPOSAL GUIDELINES**

The disposal of waste and sharps basically falls under the three categories of Sharps, Red Bag, and Clear Bag. The guidelines for various items are below.

**Sharps Disposal:**

The following items MUST be discarded in a SHARPS container:

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| 1. Needles
 | 1. Scissors, disposable
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| 1. Needles with Syringes
 | 1. Razors, disposable
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| 1. Syringes Only
 | 1. Trocars
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| 1. Vacutainer Needles
 | 1. Vacutainer Blood Specimen Tubes
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| 1. Scalpel Blades
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**Red Bags:**

The items below may be infectious and therefore MUST be discarded in Red Bags:

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| 1. Any item saturated with blood
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| 1. Blood Administration Sets (bags, tubing)
 | 1. Bandages saturated with blood
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| 1. Discarded specimen of Human Tissue
 | 1. I.V. Tubing; all I.V. Bags
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| 1. Introducers
 | 1. Plastic I.V. cannulas filled with blood
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| 1. Gloves and disposable gowns saturated with blood
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**Clear Bags:**

The items below may be disposed of in Clear bags:

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| 1. Bandages
 | 1. Kitchen Waste
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| 1. Gloves
 | 1. Medication Vials (non-chemotherapy)
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| 1. Disposable Gowns
 | 1. Papers, wrappings, packaging materials
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| 1. Empty Containers
 | * Infant Diapers
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