

Options for Collecting Items that Can Cut or Puncture a Biowaste Bag or Box

All medical sharps (needles, needle/syringe combos, lancets and scalpels) must be disposed of in a red Biohazard Sharps Container. Other items that can cut or puncture but are not medical sharps (razor blades, glass slides, Pasteur pipets, broken glass) and other items that can puncture the biowaste bags/boxes (pipet tips, serological pipettes) should be collected in a manner to minimize their puncture potential. Here are some suggestions:

Option 1: Red Biohazard Sharps Container



You may dispose of non-medical sharps in a red biohazard sharps container; close the container when it is 3/4ths full and dispose of in a Biohazard Waste Box.

Option 2: Purchase commercially available alternatives (can be more economical than Option 1)

Item	Description	Catalog #	
Whitney Medical Solutions Bench-Top Keeper	Economical point-of-use alternative to hard-sided sharps containers. Autoclavable.	Fisher # 14-375-265 (small) Fisher #14-375-266 (large)	
Whitney Medical Solutions Safe-Keeper	Space-saving, economical, disposable point-of-use waste containers. Autoclavable.	Fisher #14-375-267	
Bel Art Scienceware Benchtop Biohazard Waste Disposal Bags	For use with pipet tips ONLY, not for use with other sharps items!	Fisher #03-410-591	
Item	Description	Catalog #	
Whitney Medical Solutions Pipet Keeper	Helps to align serological pipets and prevent puncture of autoclave bags.	Fisher #14-375-268	

* All of the containers listed in this table can be closed when full and placed in a large red biohazard bag with other contaminated lab waste for autoclaving.

Option 3: Get Creative (when full, place these containers in a large red biohazard bag with other contaminated lab waste for autoclaving)



Re-use empty tip boxes to collect pipet tips, slides, razor blades, etc. Remove the insert and you have a great hard-walled container! Tape shut before disposal.



Re-use an empty large Kimwipes box to collect serological pipets. This will prevent the pipets from puncturing the bags.



Re-use empty media bottles to collect pipet tips, slides, razor blades, etc. Replace lid before disposal.



Keep the big bag the pipets come in and use it to collect used serological pipets. Bundling pipets minimizes their puncture potential when placed in red biohazard bags for disposal.



Re-use sturdy cardboard boxes your supplies were shipped in to collect pipet tips, slides, razor blades, etc. Tape shut before disposal.



At a minimum, re-sleeve serological pipets and bundle or align them in the same direction when placing into larger red biohazard bags for disposal.