

# CHEMICAL SHARPS DISPOSAL

## STEP 1 Select Container

Containers should be rigid, leak-proof, and puncture-resistant.

- Approved containers can be ordered through the chemical storeroom in [iLab](#).



### DO NOT USE



- plastic jugs
- containers with biohazard or radioactive symbols
- broken glass boxes

## STEP 2 Collect Chemical Sharps

**Chemical Sharps:** Any object capable of cutting or piercing the skin and contaminated with hazardous chemicals only.



## STEP 3 Label Contents

Attach a chemical waste label as soon as a sharp is placed inside the container.

- Fill out completely.
- Mark all hazard characteristics that apply.

HAZARDOUS WASTE	
Waste Components	
Describe all components of the waste using common names only. Abbreviations and symbols are not acceptable.	
Common Chemical Name	Conc. or % Vol.
Select one or more below:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flammable	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Hazard
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrosive	<input type="checkbox"/> Reactive
<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidizer
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Waste Container Size:	
PI Name:	
Department:	
Contact Name:	
Building and Room Number:	
EHS Collection Date:	

## STEP 4 Request Collection

Scan the QR code or submit a collection request online through [EHS Assist](#) when the container is **3/4 full**.



For questions about chemical sharps disposal or container collection, please contact the chemical safety team at [chemicalsafety@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:chemicalsafety@vanderbilt.edu).

## BE SMART WITH ALL SHARPS...

- Complete required safety training prior to beginning work
- Consider using non-glass or shatter-proof devices
- Use safety engineered sharps whenever possible
- Position sharps container within arms reach while working
- Keep container closed except when adding to it

## NEVER...

- Force sharps into or overfill a container
- Bend or break sharps
- Reach inside a sharps container
- Recap sharps