

BIOHAZARD WASTE SAFETY ALERT



**Human Resources
Health, Safety and Well-being**

Labelling Biohazardous Waste

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All biohazardous waste receptacles in the lab must be clearly labelled with Biohazard tape so that all parties, including caretaking, can unmistakably identify these containers. Please ensure the tape goes around the entire container and that it is in a spot that will not be covered by an autoclave bag. This tape is available from the Health Safety and Well-being, Support Services Building Room 4159.

Biohazard containers purchased from a supplier that are already clearly marked do not need to be taped.



Not labelled



Properly labelled

All biohazardous material for autoclaving is to be placed in an autoclave bag before leaving the lab. Waste must then be autoclaved and verified for decontamination as per current Western Autoclaving and Verification Standard Operating Procedures. For more information, please see: www.uwo.ca/hr or contact the Biosafety Officer at extension 88730.

This alert has been circulated to increase safe handling of biohazardous waste and to reduce confusion for all parties involved.