Preparing Pathological Waste for Collection

Standard Operating Procedure

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Use this procedure for pathological waste.

**Examples of this Waste Stream**

- Animal carcasses
- Biohazardous animal bedding
- Organs
- Tissues
- Body parts other than teeth
- Products of conception

**When NOT to Use Procedure**

If the pathological waste is fixed in formaldehyde, then refer to the document Helpful Hints for Preparing Chemical Waste for Collection.

**Supplies Available through Hazardous Materials Management**

Hazardous Materials Management (HMM) provides the following supplies. To order these supplies, call (734) 763-4568 or complete the online Waste and Supply Request form.

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<td>55 gallon fiber drum</td>
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### Supplies Available through Vendors
Departments are responsible for purchasing:

- Opaque plastic bags
- Duct tape

### Completing the Label
In the **Accumulation Start Date** field, write the date that waste accumulation begins.

**NOTE:** This waste stream must be collected HMM within 60 days of the accumulation start date.

### Procedure: Preparing Pathological Waste for Collection

1. Place pathological waste in an opaque plastic bag.
2. Using duct tape, tape the bag shut.
3. Place bag in fiber drum.
   
   **NOTE:** The total weight of the drum should not exceed 55 pounds unless the drum contains a single animal.

4. Is the pathological waste routinely collected?
   - If YES, then store the drum in an animal collection freezer or cold room.
   - If NO, store the drum in an animal collection freezer or cold room, then request waste collection from HMM using one of the following methods:
     - Calling HMM at (734) 763-4568
     - Completing the online [Waste and Supply Request](#) form