Disposing Liquid Biohazardous Waste Using the Sanitary Sewer Drain

Standard Operating Procedure

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Use this procedure for liquid biohazardous waste that will not clog sanitary sewer drains.

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

When NOT to Use this Procedure

Do not use this procedure if the liquid biohazardous waste:

• Could potentially clog the sanitary drain, then follow the procedure Preparing Liquid Biohazardous Waste for Collection.
• Is mixed with chemicals, then refer to the document Helpful Hints for Preparing Chemical Waste for Collection.

Supplies Available through Environment, Health & Safety

Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) provides the BIOHAZARD labels. To order labels, call EHS at (734) 763-4568.

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Disinfectants

Use one of the following disinfectants:

• 1:10 dilution of household bleach (contains 5% sodium or calcium hypochlorite) to water
• Suitable commercial disinfectant for the agent in use.

NOTE: Departments are responsible for purchasing bleach or commercial disinfectants.

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1. Treat the waste in disinfectant using one of the following methods:
   • 1:10 dilution of household bleach for at least 30 minutes
   • Commercial disinfectant following manufacturer’s instructions for appropriate concentration and contact time.
2. Rinse the treated material down the sanitary sewer drain.