

**VETERINARY HEALTH CENTER at KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICIAL PROTOCOL**

DISPOSAL OF BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE

The following procedures have been developed by the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to decrease the risk of contamination during storage and transport of biohazardous material to necropsy for autoclaving.

Biohazardous material will be placed in certified autoclave bags and the bags must be sealed with heat sensitive lead free autoclave tape. All biohazardous bags must be intact to be accepted for autoclaving. Broken or torn bags will not be accepted.

Absolutely no sharps or glass will be put in autoclave bags for disposal. All sharps should be disposed of in certified sharps containers.

Biohazardous material will be transported to the necropsy autoclave in certified autoclave bags contained in a leak proof container (ie: rubber maid tub) and carted to the necropsy autoclave. These containers should be used to store biohazardous material in the labs/clinics according to regulations. Excess bags of biohazardous material should not be stored in the laboratories/clinics.

It is required that each biohazard bag for the autoclaving process be tagged with a 'KSVDL Biohazard Trash Tag'. This tag is located in the Necropsy Unit and readily available. The information this tag includes is: number of bags from said laboratory, date, weight and individual dropping off the biohazard waste to the autoclave.

The necropsy autoclave will run three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Biohazardous materials will be accepted for autoclaving from 8:00 A.M. through 10:30 A.M. on the specified days.

If you have questions regarding proper disposal of biohazard waste, please contact Necropsy at 532-4349; Biosafety Officer Mylissia Stukekey at 532-4621/mstukey@vet.k-state.edu or KSU EH&S at 532-5856/safety@k-state.edu.

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