USF/CMS Waste Policy

1. All sharps materials (syringes, scalpels, razor blades, etc.) must be collected in an approved sharps container. Each lab is responsible for purchasing their own container (readily available from any scientific supply vendor). When full, the containers are to be put in the biomedical waste shed under KRC – Joe Donnelly can help facilitate that operation if necessary.

2. Glass waste is to be collected in a separate container than regular trash. The custodial staff will not pick up bags of glass waste from the labs and should not have to contend with broken glass in the general trash containers. When sufficient glass waste has accumulated, please put the sealed bag in a box, secure the box and label it "glass trash." OMF staff will then pick it up from your lab. We used to recycle glass, but no longer.

3. Items that are recycled include paper, aluminum, cardboard, and batteries. Recycle bins for paper and aluminum are on each floor. Cardboard can be placed in the hall for pickup - please remove any packing material (e.g., styrofoam, plastic, etc.). It would be helpful to label the cardboard as "trash" to prevent any uncertainty. Batteries of any kind should be placed in the large bin under KRC (by the computer salvage racks) - custodians will not pick up these items.

4. All computers and other misc. electronic equipment slated for disposal should be placed under KRC on the designated racks just south of the roller door. Please send Joe Donnelly any USF decal information prior to disposal.

5. The red bins that are in KRC labs are solely for the collection of biomedical waste. Originally, every KRC lab was provided a red bin, but this was an error on the contractor's part. If your lab has not been approved by EH&S to generate biomedical waste, then you should not have a red bin. Those labs with red bins should know the procedures involved.

6. Chemical waste needs to be disposed of through the HITS system. Each lab should have a representative familiar with the HITS database and the pertinent procedures.