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Re: Changes in Biological Waste Disposal Services

The University of Saskatchewan is changing biological waste disposal vendors on Dec. 1, 2017, transitioning from Biomed Recovery & Disposal Ltd. to Stericycle ULC. Concurrently, the university will upgrade its biological waste collection process, with Safety Resources staff from the Waste Management Facility completing waste pickups and supply delivery.

WHAT WASTE COLLECTION, BIN, PAIL, AND CONTAINER CHANGES CAN WE EXPECT?

Dedicated Waste Management Facility staff will collect waste and drop-off clean packing materials. Aligning with industry standards, staff and students will recognize a slightly different packaging supplies style for waste such as liners, boxes, pails, and wheeled carts. For most biohazardous waste shipments, Transport of Dangerous Goods documentation is no longer required.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Biomed's last pickup to all departments is on **Nov. 30, 2017**. To enable a smooth transition, as of Dec. 1, 2017 an online biowaste training course is available via the Safety Resources website for all staff and students dealing with biological waste collection and disposal. Safety Resources will provide in-person training, upon request.

WHAT CONTAINERS, BINS, AND PAILS DO I NEED TO SET UP FOR COLLECTING WASTE?

Refer to the attached biohazardous waste disposal guidelines, which contain slight packaging changes to align with industry standards. These guidelines outline the proper methods for biohazardous, pharmaceutical, anatomical and cytotoxic waste disposal.

WHEN IS PICKUP FOR BIOLOGICAL WASTE DISPOSAL IN MY DEPARTMENT? CAN I SCHEDULE PICKUP?

For departments requiring regular pickups, Safety Resources will work with waste producers to maintain that schedule. Waste producers requiring on-request service or those requiring extra materials (i.e., liners, bins, pails, and containers) should submit an online biological waste disposal form (found on the Safety Resources website) to the Waste Management Facility or call 306-966-8497 with request details.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

Waste Management staff start drop-off new waste containers	Nov. 28, 2017
Last day for Biomed pick-up from all departments	Nov. 30, 2017
Pickups by Waste Management staff*	Dec. 1, 2017

*Waste Management can pick up any bins and supplies from the previous service provider after Dec. 1.

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Thank you,

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