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X. Waste Disposal

Purpose:

Appropriate disposal of carcasses, bedding, trash, and glass/sharps as described.

Responsibility: ALL personnel including Investigators and Investigative Staff, Laboratory Animal Resources Staff, and Janitorial Staff.

Procedure/Discussion:

Carcass Disposal:

Carcasses are to be placed in refrigerators on the second and third floors, and in the freezer on the back dock on the first floor during the work day. At the end of the day the spare box person for the 2nd and 3rd floor will remove all carcasses from the refrigerators and place them in the freezer on the back dock of the 1st floor. Carcasses are removed for incineration at the University of Tennessee on Tuesday of every week. This service is performed by Waste Management.

Bedding Disposal:

Dumpsters are dedicated for bedding disposal from each floor. **Under NO circumstances should carcasses or live mice be discarded with dirty bedding.** Gloves and paper towels should also not be dumped with the bedding. Dumpsters are removed to the landfill daily, or as needed, by Waste Management.

Trash Cans:

Trash can liners are to be changed each week with the room cage change. These and all other trash generated are to be disposed of in the fourth dumpster located at the back dock and intended for that purpose.

Glass/Sharps Disposal:

Barrels for glass disposal are distributed in water stations and various other locations. All glass should be discarded at these locations. Janitorial Services disposes of the glass when the barrels are full. NEVER attempt to retrieve any discarded item from these barrels.

Sharps such as hypodermic needles and blades should be placed in red "Sharps" containers. **(Reminder: never recap Sharps.)** Sharps containers should be located in all laboratories and procedure areas. NEVER attempt to retrieve any discarded item from these containers.