

BIOMEDICAL WASTE

SPILL CLEAN-UP PROCEDURE

PLEASE REFER TO THE USF BIOMEDICAL WASTE PLAN OR CONTACT EH&S FOR MORE INFORMATION

Recommended items for spill kit:

- Gloves
- Gown
- Eye Protection
- EPA-Registered Disinfectant or bleach
- Solidifier (kitty litter, vermiculite)
- Broom and dustpan

Steps for decontaminating a biomedical waste spill:

1. Determine appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which may include, but is not limited, to eye protection, gowns, lab coats and masks. **Gloves are mandatory regardless of the nature of the spill.**
2. Clean surface with solution of industrial strength detergent to remove visible soil. In the case of broken glass or needles, take extreme care to prevent percutaneous injury. In the event of larger liquid spills, use a solidifier such as vermiculite.
3. Decontaminate the surface using an EPA-registered disinfectant. Follow instructions regarding contact time before drying. Alternatively, use household bleach diluted 1:10 with water. Surface must remain wet for at least 10 minutes.
4. Dispose of waste in appropriate biomedical waste container
5. Wash your hands