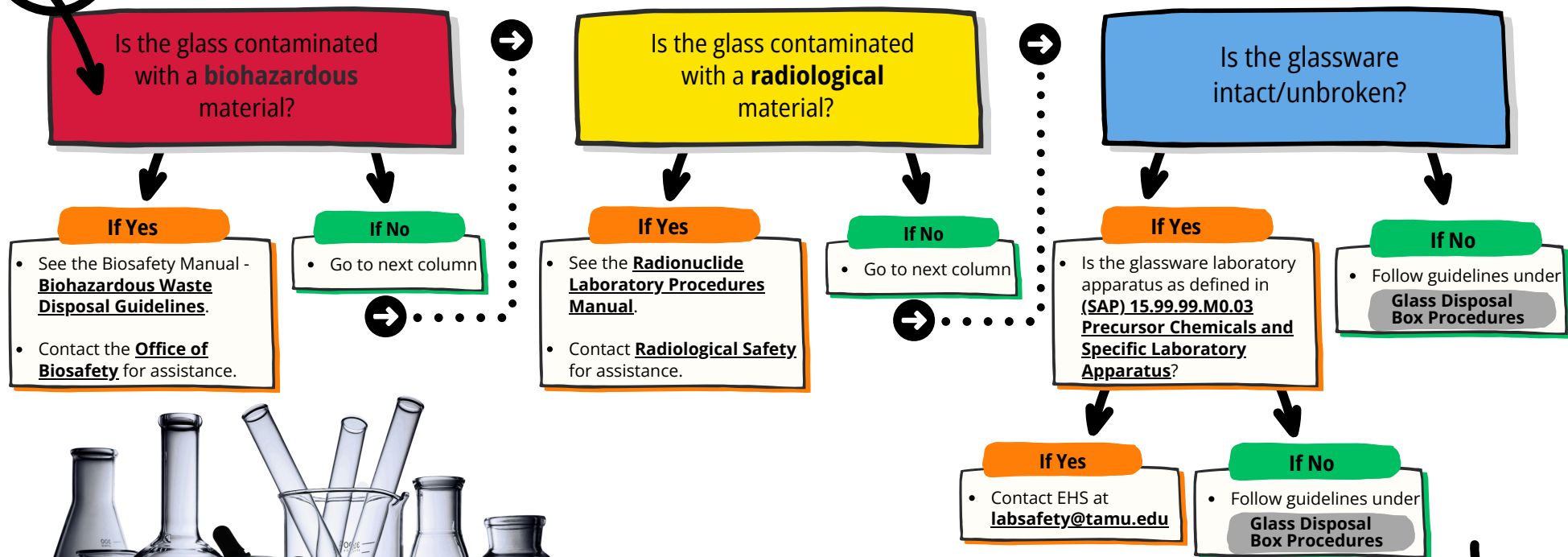


GLASSWARE DISPOSAL GUIDANCE



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Before disposal, consider how the glassware was used:



Email labsafety@tamu.edu with any questions or concerns about glassware disposal.

Glass Disposal Box Procedures

Ensure all empty, intact bottles have been triple rinsed before disposing.

- Purchase a glass disposal box **OR** use a rigid, puncture-resistant (e.g., sturdy) cardboard box.
- Line box with a heavy-duty plastic bag.
- Label the box "Glass Disposal."
- Example items placed in a glass disposal box: uncontaminated broken glass, intact/unbroken beakers and flasks, clean glass slides, bottles, test tubes and pipettes, unused glassware, etc.
- When the glass disposal box is 3/4 full, tie or tape the plastic bag closed, close and seal the box with tape.
- If broken glass is combined with metal sharps, it must be treated as sharps waste.
- **Custodial staff are not responsible for disposing of glass waste containers.** Laboratory personnel should dispose of the prepared box in regular trash, such as in the lab facility's designated dumpster.