# **GLASSWARE DISPOSAL GUIDANCE**



Before disposal, consider how the glassware was used:

If No

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Is the glass contaminated with a **biohazardous** material?



#### If Yes

- See the Biosafety Manual -**Biohazardous Waste** Disposal Guidelines.
- Contact the Office of **Biosafety** for assistance.

Is the glass contaminated with a radiological material?



#### If Yes

- See the Radionuclide **Laboratory Procedures** Manual.
- Contact Radiological Safety for assistance.

# Is the glassware intact/unbroken?



#### If Yes

- Is the glassware laboratory apparatus as defined in (SAP) 15.99.99.M0.03 **Precursor Chemicals and Specific Laboratory**
- Apparatus?



· Follow guidelines under **Glass Disposal Box Procedures** 



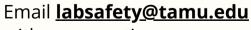
#### If Yes

Contact EHS at labsafety@tamu.edu

### If No

 Follow guidelines under **Glass Disposal Box Procedures** 

**Glass Disposal Box Procedures** 



with any questions or concerns about glassware disposal.

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

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- 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.