

Instructions for handling contaminated biological waste

- Waste containing: bacteria, viruses fungi parasites etc., must be sterilized before being thrown to the waste. **It is prohibited to dispose any contaminated material, solid or liquid in the regular waste bins or sinks!!!!**
- Blood and its products, and body fluid, can be disposed of in the sewage **only if** it has been chlorinated, by immersion in hypo- chloride at concentration of 500 ppm, for at least 30 min.
- Contaminated non-disposable gloves, tubes and dishes etc. have to be collected in a disposal **biohazard bag**, and sterilized by autoclave.
- **For an effective sterilization of dry waste by autoclave**, be sure to add 50 ml of water to the bag.
- Tape the BIOHAZARD bag, (but not too tight) with autoclave indicator tape before disposal.
- Do not fill the BIOHAZARD bag to the maximum in order to ensure even and good heat dispersal.
- In order to avoid leaks from torn bags put them in a suitable container (preferably stainless steel).
- The autoclave indicator tape shows when the Sterilization process is completed. Only then the bag can be disposed to the regular waste.
- **Do not mix toxic chemicals in to biohazard bags, before or after autoclaving.**