Laboratory Sharps and Broken Glass Waste Flowchart

Sharps are any device having acute rigid corners or edges capable of cutting or piercing skin or regular waste bags. Some examples include:

- Broken Glass
  - Beakers
  - Flasks
  - Test Tubes
- Capillary Tubes
- Hypodermic Needles
- Microscope Slides
- Glass Pipettes with Sharp Tips
- Razors
- Scalpel Blades
- Other Sharp-Cornered Objects

Follow the flowchart to appropriately manage your laboratory sharps and broken glass waste.

Is the object contaminated with a radioactive material?

- Yes
  - Place in a clear 2-gallon radioactive sharps waste container and submit a Radioactive Waste Collection.
- No
  - Place in a radioactive waste box and submit a Radioactive Waste Collection.

Is the object contaminated with a hazardous chemical, pharmaceutical or chemotherapeutic agent?

- Yes
  - Place in a clear 2-gallon chemical sharps waste container and submit a Text a Pickup.
  - Place in a 5-gallon solid hazardous chemical waste container and submit a Text a Pickup.
- No

Is the object contaminated with a biohazardous material or a non-contaminated hypodermic needle, razor or scalpel blade?

- Yes
  - Place in a red 2-gallon biohazardous sharps waste container and submit a Text a Pickup.
- No

Place in a gray 5-gallon clean broken glass container and submit a Text a Pickup.