Hello Everyone,

Please take a moment to read the following sharps use and waste disposal information. If you have any questions, please contact health.safety@uregina.ca!

‘Sharps’ means any object that can penetrate the skin including but not limited to needles, scalpels, razor blades, broken capillary tubes, and broken glassware.

**Sharps Use:** Any individuals who use, handle, or may otherwise encounter needles and other sharps are at risk of a sharps-related injury. To prevent sharps injuries the following guidelines must always be followed:

- Avoid use of sharps whenever possible
- Use gloves to minimize the risk of a sharp penetrating the skin and to limit the transfer of infectious agents
- Avoid direct contact with edges capable of causing punctures
- Never recap, bend, cut or reuse needles
- Place suitable Biohazard Sharps Containers in close proximity of active use areas to encourage use
- Do not over fill containers (3/4 full) and never force objects into a container

**Sharps Disposal:** Like all other hazardous waste, sharps must be disposed of properly. Use the following steps:

1) Collect broken glass in Glass Waste Containers available from Science Stores (see below picture).
2) Needles, scalpels, razor blades, etc. must be segregated from broken glass. Place these in puncture-proof sharps containers available from Science Stores (see below picture).
3) Users will need to complete a Waste Disposal Form and send the completed form to health.safety@uregina.ca before moving the waste to Science Stores. Email HSE for a copy of the form.

Happy and safe researching!!