

WHERE DO I PUT IT???????????????

Microbiology Lab Procedures

1. Daily material from lab exercises for incubation:
 - Petri plates: if you or your group has more than one plate, stack them on top of each other upside down with one piece of tape with your name wrapped around them. Place them in the plastic box for incubation.
 - Tubes of media: label the tube with a piece of tape wrapped around the tube just below the cap. Combine tubes in test tube racks for incubation per your instructor.
2. Cultures used for inoculating lab exercises:
 - They are found on the side counter and will be returned to the side counter before you leave. The test tube racks are color coded for each table.
3. Stain bottles:
 - They are found by the sinks. All staining must be done at a sink.
4. Glass slides:
 - Heat fixed and/or Stained slides: these slides are not contaminated; therefore they can be put into the cardboard box for broken glass.
 - Wet-mount slides: these slides have live organisms on them; therefore they must be put into a dish with disinfectant.
5. Broken glass:
 - Any plain glass without bacteria may be put into the cardboard box.
 - Contaminated glass such as culture tubes with bacteria—**Notify your instructor immediately**—the area must be saturated with disinfectant. The broken glass will be swept up or scooped up and put into a metal container for sterilization.
6. Paper:
 - Paper towels that you use for drying your hands and disinfecting the tabletop is regular trash. Put them into the regular trash can.
 - Kimwipes for cleaning your microscopes are regular trash.
 - Cleaning up a bacterial spill is contaminated paper. Contaminated paper goes into the red/orange autoclave bags.
7. Discarded tubes of media:
 - Any tubes of media (except broken ones) will be collected in baskets on a cart in the lab. This includes: finished results, mistakes, water blanks, and used agar deep tubes.
8. Discarded Petri plates:
 - Plastic Petri plates: finished results, mistakes, contaminated agar plates go into the red/orange autoclave bags.
9. Pipettes:
 - Go into round containers (pipette jars) when we use them.

Never put any glass or anything sharp in the red/orange autoclave bags!