

# MERI PROPERLY PACKAGE ALL MEDICAL WASTE FOR SHIPMENT

Generators are responsible for correctly packaging their medical waste before it's transported for disposal.

**PLEASE ... Follow These 3 Simple Steps When Packaging Your Medical Waste**

## 1 NO LOOSE SHARPS IN THE RED BIOHAZARD BAG OR TRANSPORT BIN



Sharp materials must be placed in a puncture-resistant biohazard sharps box *before* being placed in MERI's medical waste container. MERI's container should be lined with a red biohazard bag.

*Sharps include: needles, syringes, broken glass, scalpels, culture slides, capillary tubes, broken rigid plastic and exposed wires.*



## 2 WHEN BAG IS FULL, TIE A KNOT USING OVERHAND OR GOOSENECK METHOD

### ACCEPTABLE METHOD #1: OVERHAND KNOT

Gather, Twist End 8"-10"



Make Loop with Twisted End



Loop End Through to Create Knot



**NOT  
ACCEPTABLE**

No "Rabbit Ear" Tie



### ACCEPTABLE METHOD #2: GOOSENECK TIE

Gather, Twist End 8"-10"



Fold Twisted End Over



Seal Tightly with Either Duck Tape or Plastic Tie



## 3 PLACE LID SECURELY ON THE MEDICAL WASTE CONTAINER

**DO THIS**

Bag tied, lid is fastened



**NOT THIS**

Bag NOT tied



**NOT THIS**

Bag NOT tied, lid NOT fastened

