

Procedures for Disposal of Biohazardous Research/Instructional Animal Tissues &/or Carcasses by the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (OADDL)

Procedures:

- Researchers and Animal Resources (AR) personnel will use tags on all animal tissues &/or carcasses designated for disposal by OADDL in order to communicate the following information:
 - Date
 - PI Name
 - ACUP #
 - Biological Agent (if applicable)
 - Biosafety Level
 - Approved Disposal Method
- Researchers and AR personnel will double bag animal tissues &/or carcasses using the OADDL designated biobags before attaching the appropriate tag. Animals that are larger than the biobags will be identified by a tag on hoof/horn or other easily identified site.
- AR personnel and researchers will separate bagged tissues &/or carcasses that are tagged *biohazardous* from those bags that do not contain biohazardous materials before transporting the two separate collections of tissues &/or carcasses to the OADDL.
- Tags will be removed by OADDL personnel before the bagged tissues &/or carcasses are placed in the tissue digester, sent to the landfill, or transferred to a commercial disposal company.
- Tags, when removed by OADDL personnel, will be placed in OADDL necropsy room biohazard bags and autoclaved prior to disposal.

Tag & Biobag Availability:

- Biobags and tags (orange for use with biohazardous material and white for non-biohazardous material) will be made available to researchers via the AR facility.
 - To purchase biobags & tags, please contact:

**Animal Resources
101 McElroy Hall Annex
405-744-7631**

Notification of Disposal Issues:

- OADDL personnel will notify the Office of University Research Compliance (URC) when problems pertaining to animal tissue &/or carcass disposal arise (e.g., malfunctioning tissue digester, landfill refuses to take additional waste, etc.) so that URC personnel can send e-mail notifications to PIs who would be impacted.