

Chapter 20 Organizing Laboratory Moves

General Guidelines

Moving the Biosafety Cabinet

The laboratory relocation process requires advance planning, and ends with a laboratory clearance inspection by RM&S. We must be sure that the laboratory is safe for custodians to clean, contractors to work in and for the next lab to occupy. One month before you move, notify RM&S so that they can arrange for inspections, surplus chemical pick ups, and other needed services.

General Guidelines

In preparation for moving, observe the following guidelines:

Label ALL biohazardous waste bags and sharps containers as specified in this handbook and RM&S Chemical Hygiene Plan.

Dispose of ALL biohazardous waste in red barrels or by autoclaving and disposed as trash.

Liquid biohazardous waste may be either chemically disinfected or autoclaved and disposed in the drain.

Moving the Biosafety Cabinet

Disinfect biosafety cabinet work surfaces prior to moving them to new facilities. Cabinets used for work with pathogenic organisms may require paraformaldehyde decontamination before being moved. Contact Jack Mutchler of Facilities Management at 621-1222 for instructions.

Each biological safety cabinet must be recertified for correct air flow and filter integrity after it has been moved and placed in its final location. Call Jack Mutchler for safety cabinet certification. For more information see Chapter 12, "Know Your Biosafety Cabinet and other Laboratory Equipment".