Use sharps containers for:

- Needles and syringes
- Glass Pasteur pipettes
- Scalpel and razor blades
- Blood vials
- Microscope slides and coverslips
- Glassware contaminated with infectious agents

Not on the list? Leave it out!

Don’t throw the following items into the sharps containers: plastic items, beverage containers, laboratory glassware, solvent/chemical bottles, light bulbs, any paper materials, silicon wafers, plastic pipettes and pipette tips, aerosol cans or cans of any type, scintillation vials, and liquids (except for blood in vials).

Still not sure? Call 333-2755, email drs@illinois.edu, or visit drs.illinois.edu for help concerning the proper handling of contaminated items.