*New Program Highlights*

**New Sharps Container Disposal**

- **What is different?**
  EHS no longer requires that sharps be placed in CMCs and will pick up directly from your lab (and provide a new sharps container)

- **Why the change?**
  Research overhead **costs reduced** (by reducing number of CMCs for disposal) AND cardboard waste **is reduced** (EHS will pick up using reuse-able RMW bins)

- **Where will the change take place?**
  Academic and Health System research buildings (not West Complex*)

- **When will this service begin?**
  March 1, 2011

**Important Procedural Points:**

1) Fill sharps only ¾ full and close until lid “clicks” securely

2) Contact EHS to request a waste pick up by calling **2-4911** or submit a pick up request online at our website: [ehs.virginia.edu](http://ehs.virginia.edu)

3) EHS personnel will pick up at your lab (any size sharps container will be picked up, but note that only 2 gal. sharps container replacements provided)

*Note: Researchers in Patient Care Areas (Main Hospital) or the West Complex will disregard these changes. All services (RMW pick ups) provided by Hospital Environmental Services will continue. Please contact us if you have questions.*

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