The Environmental Health and Radiation Safety Department (EHRS) manages all facets of radioactive waste disposal at Temple University and Temple Health System.

**Description**
Any solid, dry laboratory materials, equipment, or supplies that have been contaminated with radioactive material.

**Examples**
Clothing (e.g., lab coats, pants, shirts, towels, etc. that were contaminated in the lab), paper, absorbent pads, unbroken glass, plastics, small non-sharp fragments, and equipment.

**Waste Handling Procedure**
- Place all Dry Activated Radioactive Waste (DAW) in an EHRS supplied container and attach a tag (see Additional Information).
- DAW must be stored separately according to the isotope. For example, separately collect P-32 dry waste and H-3 dry waste.
- Submit a [pickup request to EHRS online](https://www.temple.edu/ehrs) when the waste container is 75% filled.
- If present, deface all radioactive symbols and labels before placing waste in an EHRS radioactive waste container.
- To minimize handling, use smaller interim bench top receptacles when appropriate, practical, and part of approved lab specific practice. The receptacles must have “Caution Radioactive Material” labeling.
- Do not put any items containing liquid, stock vials, infectious waste, sharps, or sealed sources in DAW containers.

**Additional Information**
- EHRS supplies 30 gallon plastic containers with a large radioactive symbol on the outside and lined with a thick plastic bag inside.
- EHRS also supplies radioactive tags with string. The tag must be:
  - filled out by authorized lab personnel
  - attached to the DAW container
- The lab is responsible for purchasing small desk top waste bins, if desired.
- Access to any radioactive material (including waste) must be restricted to authorized personnel.
- Only EHRS personnel are authorized to remove radioactive material (including waste) from labs. Unauthorized or accidental removal of radioactive material including waste must be reported to EHRS immediately.