

# Equipment Decontamination

## Description

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Laboratory equipment must be decontaminated when it is:

- part of a laboratory decommissioning process,
- being removed from service and/or stored – whether temporarily or permanently,
- leaving the University of Florida,
- moving to another laboratory or building on any UF campus, or
- being released to UF Surplus Property or otherwise disposed of in a proper manner.

### Equipment Decommissioning Procedure

- Decontaminate the lab equipment in a manner appropriate for the hazards or potential hazards:
  - **Chemical Hazards** will be removed from equipment and surfaces using soap and water.
  - **Biological Hazards** will be removed from equipment and surfaces using a 10% bleach solution, 30-minute contact time, and all bleach residue removed with ethanol or IPA.
  - **Radiation Hazard and Lasers** will need to be assessed by the Radiation Safety Office with EHS. Never remove a radiation hazard sticker without authorization from the radiation safety office. Please contact the RSO at 352-392-1589 or [rso@ufl.edu](mailto:rso@ufl.edu)
- Complete the [UF Equipment Decontamination Form](#). The Principal Investigator or supervisor will automatically be notified for approval.
- Once approved by EH&S, your Department's property custodian will automatically receive a copy.
- Maintain a copy of the signed form in your records.