Biohazard Spill Kit

Each laboratory using biohazardous materials should have appropriate equipment and supplies on hand for managing spills and accidents involving biohazardous materials. Permanent equipment should include a safety shower or, eyewash, and a hand-washing sink and supplies. A biohazardous spill kit should also be kept on hand. The supplies available in a biohazard spill kit should include, but are not limited to:

- A copy of these biohazardous spill cleanup instructions
- Nitrile disposable gloves (8 mil)
- Lab coat(s)
- Safety goggles
- Dust mask or respirator(s)
- Disposable shoe covers (booties)
- Absorbent material, such as absorbent paper towels, granular absorbent material, etc.
- All-purpose disinfectant, such as normal household bleach (diluted 1:10) or an iodophor
- Autoclavable bucket for diluting disinfectant (this can be used to store the kit contents when not in use)
- Tongs and/or forceps, and/or dustpan and hand broom or squeegee, etc. (for picking up broken glass or other contaminated sharps)
- Sharps waste container(s)
- Autoclavable biohazard waste bags
- Biohazardous spill warning signs

All non-disposable items should be autoclavable or compatible with the disinfectant to be used. Most of the listed items, as well as other biohazard spill control items, are available at Central Stores, and often are contained within various commercially-available biohazardous spill control kits.