

9.0 HOUSEKEEPING

Integrated Pest Management starts with a clean growth facility. BTI growth facilities are in operation 365 days per year and may be toured or inspected at any time. Users are required to assist with general clean up to maintain a safe, sanitary, and orderly work environment for fellow researchers and support staff.

General housekeeping requirements for users are:

- Clean worktables and/ or potting benches after potting.
- Clean floors and benches during and after terminating experiments.
- Discard material from large experiments as they are terminated, directly to autoclave bags or the outdoor compost bin.
- Use the compost cans provided. Replace the lids to reduce insect and disease potential.
- Clean sinks after each use and limit the amount of soil going down the drains.

The greenhouse staff also performs general clean up, but needs assistance from users when work demand is high and / or large experiments are being discarded. In cooperation with the users, the staff will:

- Wash and/ or sweep floors of greenhouses, growth chambers and potting areas at least once per week.
- Empty trash and compost cans once per week.
- Sanitize and disinfect greenhouses and growth chambers between users, or whenever possible in continuous use areas.
- When possible, ASSIST projects with large clean up tasks.

Storage:

Storage space within the greenhouse facilities is limited. Items left in the greenhouses and growth chambers without prior approval from the Greenhouse Manager may be removed by the Greenhouse staff. Storage lockers may be provided upon request if they are available.

Composting:

Do Not Compost

-Plastic coated paper

-Plastic stakes, labels, pots, bags, twist-ties or gloves

-Large woody material (nothing greater than 2")

-Rock wool or manufactured soil media substitutes

-Transgenic, diseased or insect infested material unless it has been adequately autoclaved

Compost

-Plant material

-Clay, sand, soil and any natural soil media

-Small amounts of fertilizer

-Woody stems smaller than 2" diameter