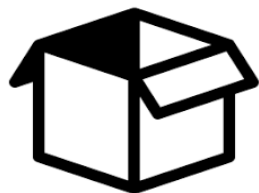


Rules for storing samples in a walk-in fridge or freezer



Consolidate your samples into a storage container

- Use a cooler, plastic tote or strong cardboard box
- Match the volume of outer container = contents (don't waste space)
- Ensure box is strong, bottom is taped
- Containers must be no heavier than 40 lbs. (18 kg)
- Containers should be able to fit on the shelves
- All containers must have lids



Label each container (top and sides)

We should be able to determine who the container belongs to without pulling box off shelf/having to lift it up

Label with:

- ✓ Your 1st/last name
- ✓ Supervisor's name
- ✓ Date
- Remove all other names/addresses if reusing container
- Where possible write directly on container with permanent marker
- Tags/tape fall off after time (see point below on unlabelled samples)



Absolutely **no** storage of lab chemicals of any kind e.g. Sigma, Fisher chemicals. These must be stored in your lab.

NO dry ice or liquid nitrogen

NO storage of flammable samples. Use a spark free fridge/freezer specific for flammable storage



All animal/fish samples must be stored in bags that are leak proof
Ideally in hard sided container

NO exposed tissue, fur

NO exposed bones, horns –nothing that can scratch/cut



- Remove & discard samples when your research is complete
- Ensure you have obtained your supervisor's approval
- Discard appropriately e.g. garbage, biohazardous/hazardous waste



Unlabelled samples may be discarded!

- If we are unable to ascertain owner
- If fridge/freezer fails and we have to relocate contents temporarily

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