Equipment Disposal Checklist
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The official Boston College Capital Equipment Policy can be found here, and uses the following definition, “Equipment is an asset of the University that should be safeguarded and used for University programs and purposes.”

The Research Operations Team has compiled the information below to facilitate the process of capital equipment disposal from research labs.

If you have any questions please email ResearchOps@bc.edu

1. Export Controls: If the equipment being disposed of has Export Control designations under EAR or ITAR, or if this is unclear in any way, please reach out to exportcontrol@bc.edu

2. EH&S: If the equipment being disposed of could result in any potential risk of contamination or other health and safety considerations please fill out the Decontaminating Procedure of Capital Equipment form and contact lab-safety@bc.edu

3. As per the Boston College Capital Equipment Policy, The Office of the Controller, Capital Asset Administration must be notified of plans for the disposal of a Capital Asset before its final disposition.

This may be done via email to plantfnd@bc.edu

The notification must include:
   1) the bar code number
   2) description, model and or serial number
   3) department, location and owner
   4) reason for the disposal
   5) the recommended method for removal from the university (sale, transfer, donation or trash)

4. If the equipment was purchased from a federal award, please reach out to osp@bc.edu to make sure there are no actions required with the funder.

5. Please make sure that your department chair has been notified prior to disposing of any research equipment.

Once the above has been completed, if you would like to have the item removed by BC Grounds, please reach out to ResearchOps@bc.edu for assistance. Please note you will need to show documentation of the above, and provide a location, description, and photos of the item before it can be removed.