CLEANING ORGANIC GLASSWARE

The method to clean glassware is very simple. Follow the following flow chart in order to clean glassware correctly.

Please keep in mind the following when cleaning glassware:

1. Glassware must be returned to your drawer clean.
2. Organic substances must be placed in the appropriate waste containers. All halogenated organic compounds must be disposed of separately than non-halogenated compounds. If an acetone rinse is expected to contain any amount of a halogenated compound, please place it in the halogenated waste container.
3. Acetone is a precious commodity. Please use it as sparingly as possible. Don’t use 10 mL when 1 mL would work just as well.

Flow chart:

- Have organic substances been put in the glassware item?
  - Yes: Rinse with a small amount of acetone to remove organic substances.
  - No: Wash with soap and water in the sink.

- Have the organic substances been removed?
  - Yes: Rinse with very small amount of acetone to facilitate drying.
  - No: Place in drawer to dry.