

Guide to Clinical Waste Segregation

Clinical Waste Bags

Orange Bag

Non-sharp, potentially infectious items including low hazard lab wastes, dressings, swabs, disposables and other typical 'ward' potentially infectious clinical waste.



Yellow Bag

Highly infectious waste requiring disposal by incineration.

Bag should be placed within yellow clinical leak proof bin or double bagged if too large.



Non-Sharps

Blue Lid

Pharmaceutical products such as pills, tablets & pharmaceutically contaminated glass bottles. Excludes purple category medicines.



Sharps

Blue Lid Sharps Box

Pharmaceutically contaminated sharps and glassware. Excludes purple category medicines.



Purple Lid

Non sharp cytotoxic and cytostatic waste related to chemotherapy, immunosuppressants, antivirals and hormonal drugs.



Purple Lid Sharps Box

Cytotoxic and cytostatic sharps waste related to chemotherapy, immunosuppressants, antivirals and hormonal drugs.



Yellow Lid (leak proof)

Waste such as recognisable body parts, tissues, organs, body fluid drains, pathology specimens and gypsum.



Orange Lid Sharps Box

Infectious sharps, broken glass, bag, tube and suction sets with no pharmaceutical contamination.



! All bags must be swan-neck tied

Hold the bag by the neck and twist until tight

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Place ratchet type tag or tape around the folded neck of the bag and tighten until a sturdy, secure seal has been made

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Fold over the neck of the bag to make a "swan neck"

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When bags are securely sealed they should be disposed of in accordance with NHS GG&C's Waste Management Policy

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! All waste must have ward/identification number and date

! Please speak to site Facilities team for more information