

ORANGE STREAM WASTE



ORANGE - LIDDED SHARP BOX



ORANGE BAG

WHAT?

Orange stream waste is the waste that comes from the clinical environment and is known or suspected to be infectious. They include: dressings, swabs, disposables, used PPE, contaminated wipes, spillage sets, empty blood bags & autoclaved lab waste, and any other typical 'ward' potentially infectious clinical waste.

HOW?

This waste is disposed of in orange bags or orange-lidded sharps boxes.

PLEASE NOTE: orange bags are not suitable for liquids and any residual liquid must be gelled.

The orange-lidded sharps boxes are specific for sharps, broken glass and IV sets with no medicinal contamination. Most sharps boxes are type-approved for solids only and must not be used for the disposal of liquids.

IMPORTANT: Items contaminated with medicine residues should go in blue or purple-lidded containers/bags, as appropriate.

This waste is sent for non-incineration alternative treatment. The disposal of orange stream waste costs almost seven times more than recycles and over 3 times more than general waste.

DO

- Comply with Duty of Care.
- Store waste safely to avoid infection and contamination.
- Make sure bags are labelled clearly.
- Swan-neck tie bags.

DON'T

- Pour any liquids into an orange bag.
- Dispose of sharps in orange bag.
- Mix orange stream waste with any other waste.
- Overfill bags/boxes.
- Don't leave waste in unsecured areas.

QUESTIONS

- What are orange bags/orange lidded sharp boxes used for?
- What is the correct procedure for disposing orange waste?
- Why is it important to swan-neck tie orange bags?