

Quick Guide to Clinical Waste Segregation

Clinical Waste Bags

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.



Orange Bag

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



Clinical Leak Proof Bins

Blue Lidded

Non sharp, non-cytotoxic medicinal products such as pills, tablets, medically contaminated glass bottles.



Purple Lidded

Cytotoxic and cytostatic waste, gloves, aprons and PPE from treatment.



Yellow Lidded

Recognisable body parts, tissues, organs, dialysis sets and body fluid drains, un-autoclaved lab waste, pathology specimens, gypsum.



Sharps

Blue Lid Sharps Box

Pharmaceutical and medicinal (non-cyto) contaminated sharps and glassware.



Purple Lid Sharps Box

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



Orange Lid Sharps Box

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



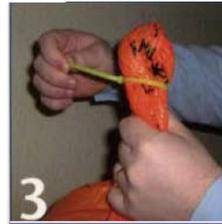
All bags must be swan-neck tied



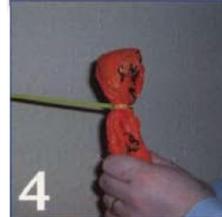
Hold the bag by the neck and twist until tight



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



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



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



All waste must have ward/identification number and date



Please refer to waste guide for more information