

# WHERE DOES ALL THAT GARBAGE GO?

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Type of Waste  (Isolation status does not change Waste Guidelines)	Sharps Box	Red Bag	Trash Can	Toilet, sink or hopper	Special
<b>REGULAR TRASH</b>					
<b>1. Paper trash and absorbent items -</b> e.g., paper towels, tissues, wrappers, gowns, gloves, masks, blue pads, exam table paper - <b>unless saturated with blood/body fluids such that liquids would ooze/flake if compressed.</b> Well-absorbed blood/body fluid is acceptable. <b>If saturated</b> see 9. below			X		
<b>2. Personal hygiene products -</b> diapers, facial tissues, sanitary napkins <b>If saturated</b> , see 9. below			X		
<b>3. Nonsharp disposable instruments and devices, such as needle-less syringes - <i>without blood</i></b> <b>If bloody</b> , see 10. below			X		
<b>4. Empty containers &amp; tubing -</b> urine collection bags & tubing; IV solution bags & tubing; colostomy, ileostomy, urostomy bags; plastic fluid containers, enteral feeding containers & tubing, hemovacs, urine specimen cups. <b>If the item could release body fluids</b> , see 10. below (Exceptions: see shaded section below for chemo/haz drugs)			X		
<b>5. Other (unless saturated w/ blood/body fluids) -</b> Oxygen tubing and cannula, catheters (urinary, suction), plastic cannula, IV spikes, nasogastric tubes, ventilator tubing, enema bags & tubing, enema bottles, thermometer probe covers. <b>If saturated</b> , see 10. below			X		
<b>REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE</b> When in doubt about nonsharp contaminated waste, place in red bag container					
<b>6. Liquid Human Waste</b> – urine, sputum, blood, etc. which can be safely emptied from containers - <b>USE personal protective equipment to protect from splash.</b> <b>If cannot be emptied</b> , see 10. below				X	
<b>7. Sharps</b> – Needles, lancets, staples, rods, pins, IV catheters, protected sharps, syringes with attached needles, scalpels, scissors, guidewires, etc. (Exception: See shaded section for disposal of PhaSeal sharps)	X				
<b>8. Medical glass</b> – ampoules, vials, centrifuge tubes, capillary tubes, broken glass	X				
<b>9. Absorbent materials saturated or caked with blood/body fluids</b> - Items that would release blood/body fluid in a liquid or semi-liquid state if compressed or flake if handled		X			
<b>10. Pleurovacs, Hemovacs, Suction Canisters and tubing, Blood bags, IV and dialysis tubing, urine collection bags and tubing which cannot be emptied of blood/body fluids</b>		X Seal containers if possible			
<b>11. Specimens</b> for culture, used culture plates, devices used to transfer, inoculate or mix cultures		X			
<b>12. Human tissues and anatomical wastes</b> - Body tissue which is not a recognizable body part. <b>If recognizable</b> , contact OEHS		X			
<b>HAZARDOUS DRUG WASTE</b>					
<b>13. Chemo/Hazardous Drug:</b> <u>uninfused or partially infused</u> IV bags or syringes with <u>or</u> without sharps					<b>GREEN</b> chemo sharps container
<b>14. Chemo/Hazardous Drug supplies with sharps, including PhaSeal:</b> If <u>empty</u> , IV bags & tubing					<b>YELLOW</b> chemo sharps container
<b>15. Chemo/Hazardous Drug:</b> PPE			X		
<b>16. Chemo/Hazardous Drug:</b> Empty or expired pure agent containers (Pure Agent available in Pharmacy Only) -					<b>WHITE</b> bucket in Pharmacy