

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