

# CORRECT WASTE SEGREGATION

## Dry mixed recycling



Cardboard



Plastic bottles



Tins and cans



Paper



NO coffee cups or food-contaminated packaging



NO tissues, hand towels or napkins

## Glass



All clear and coloured glass bottles and jars

## Food



Sandwiches



Fruit and vegetables



Teabags



Plate scrapings

## General waste



All other, non-hazardous waste streams

# CLINICAL WASTE BAGS - CORRECT SEGREGATION

Waste receptacle	Description	Examples of correct waste items	Examples of incorrect waste items
<b>Medicine Contaminated Infectious Clinical Waste</b>			
Yellow bag 	Waste items that have been used in the treatment of infectious patients and those suspected of having an infection and may also be contaminated with medicines or chemicals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ IV bags, lines and tubing that have had medicines added</li> <li>✓ Chemically contaminated waste</li> <li>✓ Items contaminated with infectious waste and chemicals/medicines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Infectious ONLY waste</li> <li>✗ General waste</li> <li>✗ Packaging waste</li> <li>✗ Paper towels</li> <li>✗ Sharps waste</li> <li>✗ No free-flowing liquids</li> </ul>
<b>Cytotoxic and Cytostatic Waste</b>			
Yellow purple striped bag 	Waste that has been used in the treatment of infectious patients and those suspected of having an infection and has been used for the administration of cytotoxic and cytostatic medicines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ IV bags, lines and tubing that have had cytotoxic/static medicines added</li> <li>✓ Waste contaminated with cytotoxic and cytostatic waste</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Other chemical/medicinal infectious waste</li> <li>✗ Domestic waste or recyclable waste</li> <li>✗ Packaging waste</li> <li>✗ Paper towels</li> <li>✗ Sharps waste</li> <li>✗ No free-flowing liquids</li> </ul>
<b>Infectious Clinical Waste</b>			
Orange bag 	Waste that has been produced from the treatment of infectious patients, those suspected of having an infection and are contaminated with body fluids.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Personal protective equipment (gloves, masks, aprons) (contaminated or potentially contaminated with Infectious bodily fluids)</li> <li>✓ Wipes, dressings, plasters, bandages (contaminated or potentially contaminated with Infectious bodily fluids)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Chemical/medicinal waste</li> <li>✗ General waste</li> <li>✗ Packaging waste</li> <li>✗ Paper towels</li> <li>✗ Non-Infectious waste</li> <li>✗ Sharps waste</li> <li>✗ No free-flowing liquids</li> </ul>
<b>Offensive Waste</b>			
Tiger bag 	Waste that has been produced from the treatment of non-infectious patients and are contaminated with body fluids.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Soiled sanitary towels and tampons – from public and work based female toilets</li> <li>✓ Nappies – from baby changing areas and nurseries</li> <li>✓ Personal protective equipment (gloves, masks, aprons) – non-infectious</li> <li>✓ Wipes, dressings, plasters, bandages – non-infectious</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Infectious clinical waste</li> <li>✗ Sharps waste</li> <li>✗ Medicines or medicine contaminated items (i.e. empty medicine packaging, IV bags, lines and tubing that have had medicines added)</li> <li>✗ No free-flowing liquids</li> </ul>

**i** Bags should be filled no more than two thirds full OR to a maximum weight of 8Kg, whichever is reached first

**i** Bags should be sealed at the point of production using the swan-neck method

# CONTAINERS (SHARPS, MEDICINES, ANATOMICAL) - CORRECT SEGREGATION

Waste receptacle	Description	Examples of correct waste items	Examples of incorrect waste items	
<b>Medicine Sharps</b>				
Yellow sharps container 	Non-Haz Medicines/Non-Cytostatic/Cytotoxic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Medicine sharps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Infectious ONLY waste</li> <li>✗ Cytostatic or cytotoxic sharps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Packaging</li> <li>✗ Single use instruments</li> <li>✗ Phlebotomy sharps</li> </ul>
<b>Cytotoxic and Cytostatic Sharps</b>				
Purple lidded sharps container 	Cytostatic/Cytotoxic Sharps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Cytostatic/cytotoxic sharps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Phlebotomy sharps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Packaging</li> </ul>
<b>Blood/Infectious Sharps</b>				
Orange lidded sharps container 	Blood sharps only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Phlebotomy sharps</li> <li>✓ Physiotherapy sharps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Chemical/medicinal waste</li> <li>✗ General waste</li> <li>✗ Packaging waste</li> <li>✗ Paper towels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Non-Infectious waste</li> <li>✗ Sharps waste</li> <li>✗ No free-flowing liquids</li> </ul>
<b>Pharmaceutical Waste</b>				
Blue lidded container 	Non-Haz Medicines/Non-Cytostatic/Cytotoxic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Vials</li> <li>✓ Blister packs</li> <li>✓ Ampoules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Sharps</li> <li>✗ Cytostatic or cytotoxic medicines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Single use instruments</li> </ul>
<b>Cytostatic/Cytotoxic (Hazardous) Pharmaceutical Waste</b>				
Purple lidded container 	Haz Medicines/Cytostatic/Cytotoxic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Cytostatic/Cytotoxic</li> <li>✓ Medicines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Sharps</li> <li>✗ Non-cytostatic or cytotoxic medicines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Single use instruments</li> </ul>
<b>Anatomical Waste</b>				
Red lidded container 	Anatomical Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Anatomical waste – placentas, digits, tissue, anatomical parts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Sharps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ All medicines</li> </ul>

**i** Sharps containers should not be used passed the indicated line and/or for more than 3 months.

**i** Sharps container should be signed and dated when assembled and when closed.