

Know which bin to throw it in™

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Waste Categories Identification Chart

***NOTE:** Any items containing or contaminated with visible blood or large amount of free flowing body fluids are to be disposed into Clinical Waste.

General Waste – Green Bin

Alcohol swabs	Nasogastric tubes
Baby nappies	Nasal prongs
Bandages - dry/ small amount body fluids	Nebulisers
"Bluies" – dry/ small amount body fluids	Oxygen masks - disposable
Dressings – dry/ small amount body fluids	Oxygen tubing
Endotracheal tubes – no blood	Paper towels
Flowers (including roses)	Plastic aprons/ gowns
Gloves – dry/ small amount body fluids	Plastic film or packaging
Human hair/nails	Suction catheters
Humidifier items (disposable)	Syringes - unused
Incontinence pads	Syringes without needles – nil pharmaceutical residue
IV giving set – spike removed	Urinary catheters – no visible blood
Kinguard	

Recycling – Grey Bin

Apron/gown/glove boxes	Non-confidential paper
Medication packaging	Paper packaging form medical devices
Newspaper/ magazines	Product information



Clinical Waste - Yellow Bin



Bandages - blood/ body fluid (soaked)	Human tissue (excluding hair/ nails)
"Bluies" - blood/ body fluid (soaked)	Intercostal catheters
Blood tubes	Interlink cannulas
Colostomy bags	Laboratory specimens
Drainage bags (all body fluids)	
Drainage bottles	Sanitary napkins/ tampons
Dressings - blood/ body fluid (soaked)	Staple guns
Epidural catheters	Stylets
Gloves - blood/ body fluid (soaked)	Syringes containing blood/ other body fluids
Guidewires	Syringes containing antibiotics or other pharmaceuticals
IV cannulas (plastic)	UWSD ICC

Sharps

Glass ampoules	Syringes with needles attached
IV giving spikes	Trocars
Needles (incl. non-bevelled drawing-up needles)	Razors/ clippers (disposable)
Scalpel Blades	



Cytotoxic Waste - Purple Bin



Waste bin is lined with PURPLE plastic bag with CYTOTOXIC SYMBOL and PURPLE lid.

All non-sharp waste generated in the management of cytotoxic therapy (i.e. gloves, masks, aprons, packaging and tubing) is placed into these bins. All SHARP waste generated at the time (i.e. needles, vials, sharps, syringes and tubing) are to be placed in the specific purple sharps containers, which are then placed into the cytotoxic waste bin.