

# Know which bin to throw it in!

If in doubt please consult

Waste Manager or Waste Coordinator



## Waste Categories Identification Chart



### Clinical Waste (Yellow Bins)

Bandages - blood/ body fluid (soaked)	Human tissue (excluding hair/ nails)
Bandages - faeces/urine (due to odour)	Human body parts (blue anatomical bin)
"Bluies" - blood/ body fluid (soaked)	Humidifier items (disposable)
"Bluies" - faeces/ urine (due to odour)	Intercostal catheters
Colostomy bags	Interlink cannulas
Drainage bags (all body fluids)	IV giving sets (spikes not exposed)
Drainage bottles	Laboratory specimens
Dressings - blood/ body fluid (soaked)	Staple guns
Dressings - faeces/ urine (due to odour)	Stylets
Epidural catheters	Suction catheters (including Stericaths)
Glass vials/ bottles—containing pharmaceuticals	Syringes containing blood/ other body fluids
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Gloves - blood/ body fluid (soaked)	Syringes and blood tubes with patient details
Gloves - faeces/ urine (due to odour)	Urinary catheters
Guide wires	UWSD Bottles



### Cytotoxic Waste (Purple Bins)



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.

### Sharps (Yellow Sharps Containers)

Trocars	Syringes with needles attached
IV giving sets (spikes exposed)	Ampoules
Scalpel Blades	Needles (incl. non-bevelled drawing-upneedles)

### General Waste (Green Bins)

Alcohol swabs	Masks – surgical/ resus (disposable)
Baby nappies	Nasogastric tubes
Bandages - dry/ small amount blood/ body fluids	Nasal prongs
"Bluies" – dry/ small amount blood/ body fluids	Nebulisers
Dressings – dry/ small amount blood/ body fluids	Oxygen tubing
Endotracheal tubes	Paper towels
Flowers (including roses)	Plastic aprons/ gowns
Gloves – dry/ small amount blood/ body fluids	Razors/ clippers (disposable)
Human hair/nails	Sanitary napkins/ tampons
Incontinence pads	Syringes - unused
IV cannulas (plastic)	Syringes without needles
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**"NOTE": Any items classified as GENERAL WASTE that have a large amount of free flowing or wet blood/ body fluids are to be disposed into Clinical Waste.**

### Recycling

GREEN BIN / WHITE LID	Blue Bins
Plastic Bottles (milk and soft drink)	Clean office paper,
Glass bottles / Broken Glass - excluding ceramics	Paper, Newspaper/ magazines