






Waste segregation matrix

Waste Type	Disposal Packaging	Description	Typical Content
<p>SHARPS Medicinally contaminated</p>		<p>Sharps waste contaminated with pharmaceuticals or residual pharmaceuticals.</p> <p>Sharps waste contaminated with pharmaceuticals which have had patient contact.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syringes and needles used to administer pharmaceuticals. Denatured controlled drugs. Vials, ampoules (inc. used to draw up patients medication). Autolet / monolets used for blood sugar monitoring. Razors, scissors.
<p>Waste contaminated with medicines</p>		<p>Waste generated from the preparation of medicines.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty pharmaceutical glassware used in the preparation of patient's medication. Vials used to draw up patients medication. Unused medicines which cannot be returned to pharmacy. Enteral syringes used to deliver medications via gastrostomy tube.
<p>Infectious Clinical waste This waste must be free from pharmaceutical, chemical and recognisable anatomical contamination.</p>		<p>For the disposal of wastes which are contaminated with blood and bodily fluids which are suspected or deemed to be infectious.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment contaminated by blood, sputum and wound discharges. i.e. suction catheters, wound dressings, suction liners with sputum urethral catheters, tracheostomy tubes.
<p>Non-infectious Offensive waste This waste must be free from pharmaceutical, chemical and recognizable anatomical contamination.</p>		<p>Healthcare wastes which are contaminated but NOT suspected or deemed to be infectious.</p> <p>MUST NOT contain blood, sputum, wound discharges.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used Personal Protective equipment (PPEs). i.e. gloves, plastic aprons, masks, goggles. Continence appliance – urosheath, empty urine bags, continence pads. Used detergent wipes. Feed connection tubing.
<p>Domestic waste</p>		<p>Minimum treatment/disposal required is landfill.</p> <p>NO hazardous waste must be placed in this stream.</p> <p>RECYCLING options must always be considered.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand towels. Empty food and drink containers non-confidential papers. Dried flowers. Feeding bottles – can be disposed via mixed recycling waste if rinsed prior to disposal.