

WHERE DOES ALL THAT GARBAGE GO?

Type of Waste Note: Isolation status does not affect Waste guidelines	Sharps Box	Red Bag Container	Trash Can	Toilet/sink (SanitarySewer) (Use Splash Precautions)	Special
Sharps: Needles, lancets, staples, rods, pins, intra-venous catheters, protected sharps, syringes with attached needles, scalpels, scissors, guidewires, etc.	X				
Medical glass: Ampules, vials, centrifuge tubes, capillary tubes, broken glass (<i>Medical Labs: see "Rules for Lab Glassware Disposal" in Lab Manual; Research Labs: see OEHS website</i>)	X				
Nonsharp material or devices: (i.e. bandages, swabs, or gauze) saturated or caked with blood/body fluids that would release blood/body fluid in a liquid or semi-liquid state if compressed or would flake if handled		X			
Blood bags & IV tubing containing blood or blood products		X			
Dialysis tubing containing blood		X			
Foley catheters/bags, with blood		X			
Pleurovacs, Hemovacs, Suction Canisters and tubing which cannot be emptied of blood/body fluids		X			
Specimens for culture, used culture plates, devices used to transfer, inoculate or mix cultures		X			
Human tissues: body tissue which is not a recognizable body part		X			
Chemo/Hazardous Drug: uninfused or partially infused IV bags (Contact Pharmacy with questions)					White Haz Waste bucket, or return to Pharmacy
Chemo/Hazardous Drug non-sharp supplies: empty IV bags, tubes, PPE used with chemo/hazardous drugs, etc.			X		
Chemo/Hazardous Drug: empty pure agent containers (available in Pharmacy only) DISPOSED OF IN PHARMACY IN WHITE BUCKET					White Haz Waste bucket
Used personal hygiene products: diapers, blue pads, facial tissues, sanitary napkins, unless saturated or caked with blood or body fluids			X		
Nonsharp disposable surgical instruments, needleless syringes, and materials without blood			X		
IV tubing and bags, without blood or sharps			X		
Ventilator tubing			X		
Emptied containers: pleurovacs, hemovacs, urine or stool cups, Foley & ostomy bags, bedpans, urinals, emesis basins, suction Canisters and tubing etc.			X		
Gowns, gloves, masks unless covered with blood that would ooze or flake if compressed			X		
Medication vials (glass or plastic, non-chemo)			X		
Isolation Room Waste: ++not meeting other criteria: see footnote on previous page			X		
Liquid Human Waste: urine, sputum, blood, etc.				X	