

Waste Segregation Guide

The management of healthcare waste is an essential part of ensuring that healthcare activities do not pose a risk of infection. As a producer of waste, Portman has a legal duty of care that must be fulfilled, this includes:

- Identifying and classifying all waste to check if it's hazardous before sending for disposal; and
- Segregating all waste appropriately by NOT mixing hazardous waste with non-hazardous waste, and NOT mixing different categories of hazardous waste with each other.

To assist with this the table below has classified each type of waste commonly found within a dental environment and highlights the correct segregation method for each waste stream. This follows guidance as set out by local authorities, in *HTM 07-01: Safe management of healthcare waste* and takes account of recent guidelines produced in relation to COVID-19.

BLACK BAGS

Mixed Municipal Waste (Non-hazardous) - Waste code 20-03-01



General waste such as flowers, food, carrier bags, broken toys, polystyrene, plastic film etc - anything that cannot be recycled



No infectious or offensive waste such as masks, gowns, gloves, dressings, swabs, wipes, sanitary protection, nappies etc

CLEAR BAGS

Mixed Recycling (Non-hazardous) - Waste code 20-01-01



Recyclable waste such as newspapers, magazines, catalogues, waste paper/cardboard, envelopes, detergent bottles, pop bottles, cans, butter tubs, yogurt pots, milk bottles, empty aerosols, food tins, glass jars/bottles etc



No contaminated/wet cardboard, broken glass, dirty aluminium foil, food or dirty food containers such as tins, jars, pots (to be washed out first).
No infectious or offensive waste such as masks, gowns, gloves, dressings etc

ORANGE BAGS

Infectious Clinical Waste (Hazardous) - Waste code 18-01-03



Waste items that are infectious through contact with bodily fluids inc. COVID-19 or are chemically contaminated ONLY i.e. items used in the clinical environment, such as masks, gowns, gloves, dressings, swabs, wipes etc.



Outer packaging must be removed and disposed of separately before an item is taken into the clinical area. No waste items that are not infectious such as old, unused stock, and no chemicals, pharmaceuticals or general waste such as paper, cardboard, magazines, wrappers, food, bottles etc.

TIGER STRIPE BAGS

Municipal Offensive Waste (Non-hazardous) - Waste code 20-01-99
Healthcare Offensive Waste (Non-hazardous) - Waste code 18-01-04



Hygiene waste and sanitary protection like nappies and incontinence pads.
Outer dressings and protective clothing like masks, gowns and gloves that have not been used in the clinical environment, such as COVID-19 face coverings.
Sterilised laboratory waste



No potentially infectious waste that has been used in the clinical environment.
No chemicals, pharmaceuticals or general waste such as paper, cardboard, wrappers, food, drinking bottles etc

YELLOW LIDDED BIN

Cytotoxic / Cytostatic contaminated Sharps (Hazardous) - Waste code 18-01-08 / 18-01-03

Other Medicinally contaminated Sharps (Hazardous) - Waste code 18-01-03 / 18-01-09

Non-medicinally contaminated Sharps (Hazardous) - Waste code 18-01-03



All sharps, particularly those that have been contaminated with a medicinal product that possesses any one, or more, of the following hazardous properties - H6: Toxic / H7: Carcinogenic / H10: Toxic for reproduction / H11: Mutagenic



No chemicals, pharmaceuticals, general waste such as paper, cardboard, wrappers, food, drinking bottles etc. or infectious/offensive waste such as masks, gowns, gloves, dressings, swabs, wipes etc

PURPLE LIDDED BIN

Cytotoxic / Cytostatic Medicines (Hazardous) - Waste code 18-01-08



Any medicinal product that possesses any one, or more, of the following hazardous properties - H6: Toxic / H7: Carcinogenic / H10: Toxic for reproduction / H11: Mutagenic



No other medical product, sharps, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, general waste or infectious/offensive waste

BLUE LIDDED BIN

Other Medicines (Non-hazardous) - Waste code 18-01-09



Medicinal products such as out of date stock and patient returns (outer packaging must be removed and disposed of separately)



No medical products that are cytotoxic / cytostatic, and no sharps, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, general waste or infectious/offensive waste

MISCELLANEOUS DENTAL WASTE POTS

See list below



Amalgam Waste Pots (Hazardous)
Waste code 18-01-10

Gypsum Waste Pots (Non-hazardous)
Waste code 17-08-02

Lead Foil Waste Pot (Non-hazardous)
Waste code 17-04-03

Mercury Waste Pots (Non-hazardous)
Waste code 06-04-04

Tooth Pots (Non-hazardous)
Waste code 18-01-02

Waste Developer Solution (Hazardous)
Waste code 09-01-01

Waste Fixer Solution (Hazardous)
Waste code 09-01-04



Only waste as specified by each individual container, no mixing of miscellaneous dental waste, and no sharps, general waste or infectious/offensive waste

