

# SEGREGATION & PACKAGING OF HEALTHCARE RISK & NON-RISK WASTE

## RISK WASTE

### YELLOW BAG



- All blood-stained items and all items soiled with body fluids assessed as infectious
- Suction catheters & tubing
- Incontinence waste from known or suspected enteric infections
- Bag should be closed using 'swan neck' when 2/3 full

\* NO SHARPS, LIQUIDS OR HARD OBJECTS

## RISK WASTE

### YELLOW SHARPS BIN (with blue or red lid)



- All Needles
- All Syringes
- Scalpels
- Contaminated slides
- Sharps tips of clear IV giving sets



- Blood-stained or contaminated glass
- Stitch cutters
- Guide wires/ trocars
- Razors

**NOTE** Use Long Bin for large trocars, knives, stapling guns, etc.

\* NO FREE LIQUIDS

## RISK WASTE

### YELLOW 30/60 LITRE RIGID BIN (with yellow lid)



- Blood Administration Sets (never disconnect line from bag)
- Contained blood and body fluids
- Non-cultured laboratory waste (including autoclaved microbiological cultures)
- Disposable suction liners
- Redivac drains (ensure drain closure sealed)
- Sputum containers
- Chest drains

#### NOTE

Absorbent material or gelling agent should be used in sufficient quantities to hold the fluid and prevent leakage.

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## NON-RISK WASTE - RESIDUAL

### CLEAR BAG



- Incontinence wear (from non-infectious patients)
- Oxygen face masks
- Empty urinary drainage and empty stoma drainage bags
- Clear tubing (e.g. oxygen, urinary catheters, ventilator, naso gastric)
- Enteral feeding bags and tubing
- Non contaminated gloves, aprons and masks
- Empty CAPD Bags
- All other household non-risk, non-recyclable waste
- Infusion lines not contaminated with blood or used for Chemotherapy or blood products with sharp end removed)

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## RECYCLABLE WASTE

### GREEN BAG



- Mixed Dry Recyclables - Paper, Cardboard, Tetra Packs, Plastic Packaging / Wrappings, Tins/Cans, Plastic Bottles

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## PLEASE NOTE:

- Waste Bags must **not** be used for sharp or breakable items or for liquids
- Sharps bins should be signed and sealed correctly when **2/3 full** or at manufacturers fill line
- Sharps Bins should be securely closed at manufacturer's fill line or when **2/3 full**
- Label all Healthcare Risk Waste appropriately at point of generation
- Apply traceability tags to all Healthcare waste at source
- For waste not specified above please refer to [www.dohc.ie/publications](http://www.dohc.ie/publications)