

Medicines Waste

Light Medicines Waste (Blue stream waste)



- ✔ Tablets and capsules can be left in blisters
- ✔ Small medicated dressings
- ✔ Sachets
- ✔ Empty blister strips
- ✔ Multi-compartment compliance aids (with patient information removed)

- ✘ External packaging and leaflets
- ✘ Patient identifiable information
- ✘ Cytotoxic/cytostatic waste
- ✘ Controlled drugs
- ✘ Sharps waste

Heavy/Bulky Medicines Waste (Blue stream waste)



- ✔ Liquids containing medicine
- ✔ Bottles containing drug residue
- ✔ Used controlled drug denature kits
- ✔ Bulky creams and ointments

- ✘ External packaging and leaflets
- ✘ Patient identifiable information
- ✘ Cytotoxic/cytostatic waste
- ✘ Controlled drugs
- ✘ Sharps waste

Cytotoxic and Cytostatic Medicine Waste (Purple stream waste)



- ✔ Returned cytotoxic/cytostatic medication
- ✔ Cytotoxic/cytostatic external packaging and PIL
- ✔ Cytotoxic/cytostatic contaminated PPE

- ✘ Patient identifiable information
- ✘ Non cytotoxic/cytostatic waste
- ✘ Controlled drugs
- ✘ Sharps waste

Sharps Waste

Sharps Waste (Blue stream waste) 1 litre sharps box fits into 30 litre



- ✔ 1 litre containers
 - ✔ Black injecting equipment provision (IEP) sharps waste
- Waste should be placed in the 30 litre container directly by patients wherever possible

- ✘ Packaging and leaflets
- ✘ Patient identifiable information
- ✘ Cytotoxic/cytostatic waste
- ✘ Controlled drugs

Cytotoxic and Cytostatic Medicines Waste (Purple stream waste)



- ✔ 1 litre containers (placed in 30 litre containers directly by patients wherever possible)
- ✔ Cytotoxic/cytostatic external packaging and PILs
- ✔ Cytotoxic/cytostatic contaminated PPE

- ✘ Patient identifiable information
- ✘ Non-cytotoxic sharps waste
- ✘ Controlled drugs
- ✘ Non-sharps waste

Non-Clinical Waste

General Waste



- ✔ Packaging
- ✔ Non-medical waste (e.g. non-medicated dressings)

- ✘ Medicine bottles or strips containing medicines residue
- ✘ Sharps waste
- ✘ Patient identifiable information

ENSURE PATIENT IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION IS REMOVED AND DESTROYED OR OBSCURED