

HEALTHCARE WASTE STREAM AND TYPICAL STAGING AND HANDLING

WASTE STREAM	MATERIAL TYPES	TYPICAL STAGING / HANDLING
General Trash	Non-recyclable to landfill wastes	Placed into compactor-container (20~34 cubic yard) or into multiple 3-cubic yard dumpster bins
Commingled Recyclables	Plastics, metals, glass	Placed into compactor-container (20~34 cubic yard) or into multiple 3~4-cubic yard dumpster bins
Fibers	Cardboard and mixed clean paper	Cardboard option to bale onto pallets, or place broken down into 3~4-cubic yard dumpster bins, or be placed in large compactor-container. <i>(Note: depending on locale, Fibers may be acceptable by local hauler to be combined with Commingled Recyclable waste stream)</i>
Confidential Paper	Confidential paper	Placed into locked boxes or locked carts for pick-up by specialty hauler for off-site shredding, or can be truck with shredding on-site.
Organic Wastes	Compostable materials such as fruits, vegetables, eggs, paper egg containers, plants, coffee grounds, filters, tea bags, soiled paper products, wood chips, etc.	Placed into 2-cubic yard dumpster bins, 95-gallon or 65-gallon carts. Holding room should be "tempered" (70-74 F; 3~5 air changes per hour).
Universal Wastes	E-waste, print cartridges, computers, phones, electric cords, batteries (non-Lithium), light bulbs, etc.	Placed into smaller tote containers or 95-gallon or 65-gallon carts.
Used Cooking Oil	Class 3B used cooking oil	Utilize mobile "caddy" to transport oil from fryers to Oil Tank or direct pipe from fryer to Oil Tank located at waste center. Tank located within 40-feet to available oil truck parking for pick-up.
Bulk Waste	Old furniture, equipment	Open staging area in waste center
* Sharps	Used needles	Small containers located in patient care areas and restrooms. Specialty hauler uses replacement cart to switch full to empty containers within hospital. No staging at waste center.
* Bio-Hazardous Waste	"Red-Bag" / Bio-hazardly contaminated wastes	Placed into Red-Bags and Red Containers. Option to hold for pick-up in 56~65 gallon containers or DOT (department of transportation) sealable 20~40-gallon containers for specialty hauler pick-up and off-site processing; or provide on-site processing via variety of methods (most common Autoclaving) that renders biohazardous acceptable to the General Trash waste stream. Staging area to be lockable room or cage.
* Chemical Waste	Toxic Chemicals - laboratory reagents, film developer, disinfectants, solvents, mercury content, broken thermometers, blood-pressure gauges, etc.	Placed into spill-proof DOT containers and placed in a double spill-containment system. Staging area requires to be lockable room or cage.
* General Hazardous Waste	Paints, aerosol cans, hazardous oils	Placed into lockable Flammable Cabinets. Staging location varies (waste center, facility maintenance, other).
* Pharmaceutical Waste	Unused pharmaceuticals	Placed in Blue (generally) lockable carts within Pharmacy for pharmaceutical supplier pick-up and destroy off-site.
* Radioactive Waste	Radioactive materials	Stored in sealed and secure containers in Nuclear Medicine department. Picked up by licensed hauler for disposal.

*** - Identifies "hazardous" wastes, which are infectious, toxic or radioactive. Typically up to 15% of hospital waste will be hazardous.**

Not included above is "Body Part" waste which is stored in morgue and picked-up by specialty provider.