

## WASTE MANAGEMENT - SMH

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Waste Type	Examples	Disposal Method
<b>General Refuse</b>	Nonrecyclable paper, food wrappings, paper towels, etc.	Clear or dark bag
<b>Nonregulated</b> medical waste (generated during treatment/ diagnosis of patients but not classified as biohazardous by NYS DOH)	Gloves, IV bags, tubing, etc., that are <i>not saturated to the point of dripping</i> with blood or body fluids.	Clear or dark bag
<b>Biohazardous</b> or <b>Infectious Waste</b> (medical waste defined by NYS as having a higher risk of being infectious.)	<p>Sharps (patient and personal)</p> <p>Blood/body fluids</p> <p>Blood bags that cannot be safely drained, disposed</p> <p>Items <i>saturated</i> to the point of dripping with blood/body fluids (other than feces and most urine).</p> <p>Human pathological waste (recognizable body parts, organs)</p> <p>Laboratory waste known to be in contact with infectious agents.</p> <p>Chest drainage canisters</p> <p>Animal waste (bedding, carcasses) known to be contaminated.</p> <p>Suction canisters (keep upright in red bag)</p> <p>Clinical lab <i>unbroken</i> blood tubes, or any other biohazardous glass from patient treatment areas. Broken glass is put in sharps containers if it fits.</p>	<p>SMH-approved sharps container (hard plastic with tight-fitting top)</p> <p>Discard <i>carefully</i> into designated flush sink/hopper (<i>not hand washing sinks</i>).</p> <p>Empty, 8-gallon, free-standing sharps container and label container for blood bags only. Do not put sharps in this container and keep it upright.</p> <p>Must be put into red bags.</p> <p>Special cardboard box designed for these items.</p>
<b>Recyclable Waste</b>	<p>Office paper</p> <p>Batteries including household types and “button” batteries</p>	<p>Blue bin/blue toter (where available)</p> <p>Drop-off points: soiled utility cart in inpatient units, Info. Desk in Main Lobby, Photo Illustration, Engineering Stores.</p>

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<b>Confidential Documents</b>	Patient Records; all HIPPA-related documents and information	Department shredder or: SMD – locked green toter with slotted top for Environmental Services pickup; SMH– locked small gray metal container.
<b>Pathological Waste</b>	Body parts/organs/tissues removed through surgical procedures	Special handling - See your Dept. Head for details (most goes to on-site Crematory)
<b>Chemotherapeutic Waste</b> Chemo waste must be separated from all other types of waste.	Nonsharp waste from a patient being treated with cancer-fighting drugs including gloves, gowns, etc.  Sharps and glass containers used for patients being treated with cancer fighting drugs.	Yellow bag labeled “Caution Chemotherapy Waste”  Yellow plastic sharps container labeled “Caution! Hazardous Drug Waste” or “Caution! Chemotherapy Waste”
<b>Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Waste</b>	Waste from patients known or suspected to have CJD	Yellow Chemo sharps container with CJD label placed over Chemo label for sharps. For nonsharps, use special orange bags with CJD label.
<b>Mercury Waste</b> Do not throw items containing mercury in the trash	Button batteries, thermometers	On inpatient units, label and place on soiled utility carts.  All other areas—check procedure for your specific areas.
<b>Hazardous Chemical Waste</b>	Halogenated solvents, corrosives, heavy metals, waste oils, etc.	Keep different kinds of chemical wastes separated. Place in tightly closed containers that are properly and clearly marked. Fill out a <b>Hazardous Waste Tag</b> and promptly call the <b>Hazardous Waste Management Unit</b> .
<b>Radioactive Waste</b>	Includes a variety of long- and short-lived radioactive materials mixed in with research and clinical apparatus such as pipettes, test tubes, examination gloves, paper, etc.  All waste from patients receiving oral solution of iodine 131.	Keep different types of radioactive waste separate from each other and place in proper containers that are clearly and properly labeled with a <b>Radioactive Waste Tag</b> ; drop off at or pickup by <b>Radiation Safety Office</b> .  Special boxes for these materials; pickup by <b>Radiation Safety</b> .  F-18, Tc-99m, In-111m and Tl-201 wastes may be stored for decay within department with approval of Radiation Safety Officer.