



Commingled recycling

YES



Metals



Glass bottles and jars



Hard plastic



Cartons



Paper and cardboard



NO



Vials and ampules



Syringes



Disposable cups



Paper towel



Soft plastic

Is it clinical waste?

Clinical waste must be disposed of in appropriate clinical waste bin



Commingled recycling

Dialysis

YES



Metals



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**Empty medicine bottles
(unless pharmaceutical
waste *)**



Paper and cardboard

NO



**Vials and
ampules**



Selectcart



Gloves



**Disposable
cups**



**Paper
towel**



**Soft
plastic**

Is it clinical waste?

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Commingled recycling Theatre

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Clinical

YES

Clinical waste is:

Any visible blood

OR

From a patient suspected, or known to have, a communicable disease

OR

Any body fluids.

Note: Faeces, urine, vomit, sputum and meconium are not body fluids.

NO





Sharps

YES

Any item able to cut or penetrate the skin



Devices with retractable or hidden sharps



Scalpels and scissors

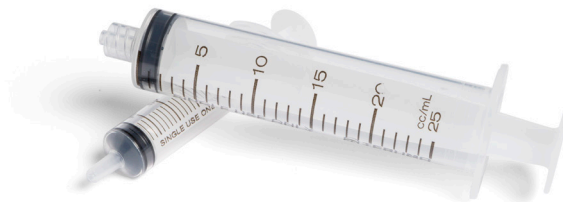


**Ampules
(unless pharmaceutical waste*)**



**Syringes with attached needles
(unless pharmaceutical waste*)**

NO



Syringes without needles

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Pharmaceutical

YES



Containers with an extractable amount of pharmaceutical



Syringes containing an extractable amount of pharmaceutical



Schedule 8 drugs and their containers (including if empty) *



Tablets

NO



Pharmaceutical containers where all extractable contents have been removed (unless schedule 8)

Pharmaceuticals **must not** be flushed or poured down sinks

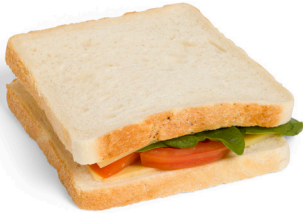
No cytotoxic waste

Saline, sugar and nutrient solutions are not pharmaceuticals

* Schedule 8 and 4D drugs must be rendered non-recoverable and non-identifiable before disposal

Landfill

YES



Food



Gloves (if not clinical waste)



Soft plastic



Empty vials (unless pharmaceutical waste)*



Sterile wrap



Disposable cups

NO



Sharps



Recycling



Pharmaceuticals

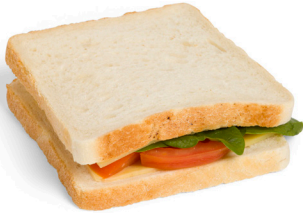
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Recycling



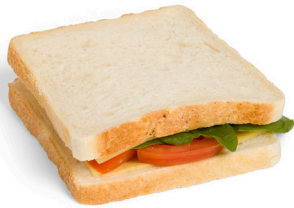
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Paper and Cardboard

YES



Newspapers and magazines



Office paper



Cardboard



NO



Paper towels and tissues



Patient files and contract lists

Clean paper and cardboard only

Confidential

YES



Patient files and contract lists



Patient labels

NO



Newspapers and magazines



Pharmaceutical containers



Cardboard



PVC

YES



Mask
(elastic and metal removed)



Tubing
(ends removed)



Baxter IV bag
(empty and ports removed)

NO



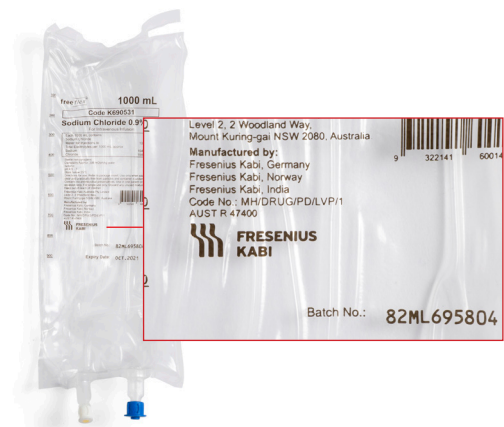
Metal clip and elastic



IV ports



Ends of tubing



Fresenius IV bag

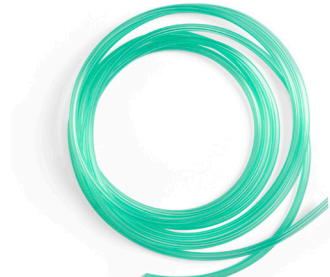
IV bags that have contained schedule 8 or 4D drugs are pharmaceutical waste.
Unless saline, sugar or nutrient solution pharmaceuticals must not be flushed or poured down sinks.

PVC

YES



Mask (elastic and metal removed)



Tubing (ends removed)

NO



Metal clip and elastic



Ends of tubing



IV bags

IV bags that have contained schedule 8 or 4D drugs are pharmaceutical waste.

Single use metal instruments

YES



Scissors



Tweezers



Forceps and clamps



Needle holders

NO

Reusable instruments



Scalpels



Plastic handled scissors



Needles



Suckers

DO NOT OVERFILL TRAYS

1. Rinse items contaminated with blood or body fluids
2. Open instruments before placing into tray
3. When tray is full secure lid and start filling new tray

Kimguard

YES



Kimguard and sterile wrap

NO



Other recycling



Tape

Is the item clinical waste?

Chuck towels

YES



Chuck towels

NO



Other recycling

Is the item clinical waste?

E-waste

YES



Batteries



Mobile phone



Electrical medical equipment

NO



Other recycling