

Health Care Waste Streams

STEP 1. IDENTIFY WASTE ACCORDING TO STREAM

Infectious



- Gauze/dressings
- Gloves
- Anatomical waste (foreskin)
- Blood
- IV fluid lines
- Plastic forceps
- O-drape
- Plastic container tray
- Plastic apron
- Alcohol swab
- Test strip

Sharps



- Syringes with needles (no denotching)
- Infusion sets
- Scalpels
- Blades
- Broken glass
- Sutures
- Lancet

General



- Packaging materials (uncontaminated)
- Office supplies
- Beverage containers
- Hand towels
- Boxes
- Glass/plastic bottles
- Food
- Cardboard
- Plastic/cellophane wrap
- Cling wrap
- Food wrap

Pharmaceutical



- Damaged/unusable pharmaceuticals
- Expired pharmaceuticals

STEP 2. SEGREGATE WASTE INTO APPROPRIATE CONTAINER



STEP 3. FINAL DISPOSAL/ DESTRUCTION

- Dispose of via dedicated infectious waste pit
- Incinerate
- Treat via approved alternative technology

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- Separate components to be sent for recycling
- Dispose of remaining waste in general landfill site
- Incinerate

- Destroy in specialized incinerator
- Inertize and place in specialized waste landfill
- Encapsulate

