



NHS Ayrshire & Arran - Segregation of waste

Orange bags → **Clinical waste** → **Heat disinfection process**



Waste contaminated with blood, excretions, secretions, e.g. soiled dressings, bandages, swabs, sanitary towels, used empty urine bags, stoma bags, incontinence pads, laboratory autoclaved waste.

Sharps container → **Used disposable sharps** → **Heat disinfection process**




Used needles and syringes, glass vials, razors, scalpels, disposable sharp instruments, small amounts of broken glass (larger amounts of glass - contact porters).

Yellow rigid container → **Disposable instruments** → **Heat disinfection process**




Large disposable single use instruments e.g. laparoscopic instruments, trocars, etc.
Note: containers requiring incineration must be labelled E.G. TONSILLECTOMY SETS FOR INCINERATION

Special sharps container → **Cytotoxic waste** → **Incineration**



Cytotoxic waste.

Yellow rigid container → **Human tissue/laboratory unautoclaved waste** → **Incineration**




Recognisable body parts (e.g. placentae, limbs, laboratory unautoclaved waste, pathology tissue waste, titanium implants). Each waste container must be labelled with the category of waste it contains. DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF WASTE MUST NEVER BE MIXED IN THE SAME CONTAINER.

Black bags → **Hospital domestic waste** → **Landfill**



Plastic cups, flowers, paper handtowels, aerosols and other domestic type of waste.

Green / black / red bins lined with clear bags → **Recycling scheme** → **Recycling**




Plastic bottles (green bin), glass bottles (black bin), aluminium / tin cans (red bin).

Black boxes → **Recycling scheme** → **Recycling**




Black plastic recycling boxes as labelled for the following categories of waste: clear glass, batteries, inkjet cartridges, toner cartridges.

Cardboard → **Recycling scheme** → **Recycling**



Cardboard should be flattened and placed at the designated collection point.

White bags (for shredding) → **Confidential waste** → **Recycling**



Any document that identifies an individual, i.e. name, address, date of birth etc, correspondence, letters, reports, scrap paper, health board documents, items relating to staff.

Clear bags → **Newspapers / magazines** → **Recycling**



Newspapers, magazines, and non-confidential documents.

Waste containers must not be overfilled. Waste bags must be closed / sealed using identification tape.
Further information from the Waste Management Co-ordinator, Page No 3404 or email Derek.Brown@aaaht.scot.nhs.uk