

BIOLOGICAL HAZARDOUS WASTE GUIDE



Place these items in the red bins

- Solid materials saturated in blood or bodily fluids
- Undistinguishable human/animal tissue waste such as tissue, bone, skin, etc.
- Undistinguishable pathological waste that has recombinant DNA/RNA, viral vectors, plasmids, or synthetic nucleic acids
- Cell culture materials and wastes
- Cultures and stocks of infectious agents
- Sharps containers that are sealed closed
- Contaminated materials from persons diagnosed with known or unknown disease



Place these items in the yellow bins

- Materials contaminated with chemotherapy drugs
- Trace chemotherapy drug waste that is less than 3% by volume (greater volumes must be disposed of as hazardous chemical waste)
- Items that have HIPAA-protected information that has not been crossed-out or effaced



Place these items in the gray bins

- Recognizable pathological waste that includes recombinant DNA/RNA, viral vectors, plasmids, or synthetic nucleic acids (must be frozen and contained in sealed packaging)
- Animal carcasses containing recombinant DNA/RNA, viral vectors, plasmids, synthetic nucleic acids, or infectious agents.



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