

Healthcare Waste Bags and Sharps Collections

What is healthcare waste?

Healthcare waste is any waste which consists completely or partially of potentially harmful substances. These can include; human or animal tissues, blood or other bodily fluids, excretions, drugs or other pharmaceutical products, swabs or dressings, syringes, needles or other sharp instruments and waste which, unless considered safe, may prove hazardous to any person coming into contact with it. These can be classed as:

- Offensive (non-hazardous) waste
- Infectious clinical waste
- Infectious/non-infectious sharps waste

These waste types may be generated in household settings by self-medicating patients.

What is offensive (non-infectious) waste?

In a domestic setting waste such as; nappies, feminine hygiene products, incontinence pads and swabs are considered as offensive (non-infected) waste and is **acceptable** with your **regular Household (non-recyclable bin) Collection**.

What should I do with my infectious waste?

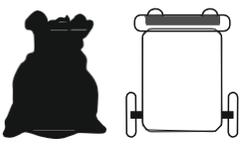
All healthcare waste believed to be **infected** should be placed into an **Yellow Bag**. These are available from your Local Council. **ALL Sharps** (infected or non-infected) must be placed into a **rigid sharps container** marked with a UN 3291 symbol. These are **available** from your **Local Council** or **via prescription**.

Yellow Bag and **rigid sharps container** require a specialist collection, **repeat** collections can be arranged directly with **Peake GB** on **01579 342212**. If you are a **new customer** please contact your local council first so your waste requirements can be assessed

What about pharmaceuticals that are no longer needed?

These should be taken to a pharmacy who operate a 'take back' service. They should not be flushed down the toilet or thrown into landfill.

For further information or to request a confidential healthcare waste collection from your household, please contact your Local Council using the number provided on the back of this leaflet.

Container	What can I put in my container?	How to dispose
 <p>Non-recyclable bin/sack</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-infected gloves • Non-infected aprons • Non-infected swabs • Non-infected bandages • Non-infected nappies • Non-infected incontinence pads <p>No Sharps or pharmaceuticals</p>	<p>This is classed as offensive (non-infected) waste and is acceptable with your regular Household (non-recyclable bin) Collection. Please double bag if possible.</p>
 <p>Yellow sack</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infected gloves • Infected aprons • Infected swabs • Infected bandages • Infected nappies • Infected incontinence pads <p>No Sharps or pharmaceuticals</p>	<p>Yellow bags will be collected separately to your regular Household (non-recyclable) Collection. This can be arranged through your Local Council</p>
 <p>Rigid Sharps Container</p>	<p>Pharmaceutically contaminated; needles, syringes, blades and scissors</p>	<p>Rigid containers will be collected separately to your regular Household (non-recyclable) Collection. This can be arranged through Peake GB on 01579 342212 Please only put rigid containers out for disposal on the day of collection and not the evening before</p>



Example of one brand of a UN approved sharps container used for the safe storage and disposal of all categories of sharps waste



Example of a yellow sack for the disposal of infected healthcare waste such as infected bandages

**SHARPS
COLLECTION/EXCHANGE**

CONTACT

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Council**

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