

Specialist Waste- DENTAL

Guidance is provided in HTM 01-07 Safe Management of Healthcare Waste.

The management of healthcare waste is an essential part of ensuring that healthcare activities do not pose a risk or potential risk of infection and are securely managed. The **HTM 07 01** guidance provides a framework for best practice of waste management in order to help healthcare organisations and other healthcare waste producers to meet **Legislative requirements**. The guidance also helps to identify opportunities to improve waste reduction and reduce the associated environmental and carbon impacts of managing waste.

Amalgam/ Amalgam contaminated waste (White containers with Hg)

All amalgam waste including spent capsules & dappen pots used with amalgam should be placed in designated rigid white receptacles which contain a mercury suppressant.

Gypsum Waste

e.g. dental study models

Must be segregated into an appropriate container and sent either for recycling as gypsum or for disposal in a specifically-designed landfill. **Not** to be placed in normal landfill. If in doubt, advice should be sought from a specialist contractor.



Extracted Teeth- amalgam filled

Amalgam filled teeth must be disposed of in a designated 'tooth box' receptacle provided by a licensed collector. **Not** to be disposed of in sharps waste.

It is important that specialist waste is segregated correctly to ensure safe disposal. In England & Wales it is **prohibited** to mix waste. **All** staff should know the correct waste stream for each waste that is produced. Regular auditing should be carried out to ensure staff are adhering to policy. Random checks should be carried out to ensure staff are disposing in the correct specialist waste receptacle.

- **Ensure you use a licensed waste collector**
- **Ensure you have a waste policy in place which includes specialist waste you produce**
- **Keep transfer/consignment notes from the collector on site**
- **Train all staff on the segregation of specialist waste.**
- **Audit the disposal of specialist waste.**
- **Do not transfer specialist waste from one receptacle to another.**
- **Keep specialist waste in a locked area prior to disposal.**

X-ray products for disposal

e.g. lead foil / X-ray developer & fixer

Must be segregated into a designated waste receptacle provided by a licensed waste collector.

Please contact Karen Jones on 01744 457314/ 01744 457312 if you require any additional advice/support.