

# WASTE MANAGEMENT- DENTAL

## Single Point Lesson

Guidance is provided in Health Technical Memorandum (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.



### Offensive waste

e.g. sanitary waste products, nappies and non contaminated PPE.

**(Yellow & Black Striped Bag)**



### Clinical Waste

e.g. contaminated PPE, disposable mouthwash cups, gauze, disposable covers, suction tips & 3 in 1 tips etc.

**(Orange Bag)**



### Domestic Waste

e.g. paper towels used for hand washing, empty sundry boxes, paper.

**(Black Bag)**



### Sharps waste

**Yellow lidded should only be used**

Partially discharged sharps including those contaminated with medicines Also extracted teeth (amalgam free only) and matrix bands.

### Remember:

Waste sacks provided by the waste collector should be of good robust quality and be in accordance with **UN 3291**. If poor quality make the collector aware and replace.

It is important that waste is segregated correctly to ensure safe disposal. In England & Wales it is **prohibited** to mix waste.

**All** staff should know the correct colour coding and what should be disposed of in each.

Regular auditing should be carried out to ensure staff are adhering to policy.

Random checks should be carried out to check correct items in each waste stream used.

- Ensure you use a registered waste collector
- Ensure you have a waste policy in place
- Keep transfer/ consignment notes from the collector on site
- Train all staff on the segregation of waste.
- Audit the disposal of waste
- Ensure no sharps placed in waste bags.
- Do not transfer waste from one bag to another.
- Keep clinical and offensive waste in a locked area prior to collection.
- Clinical/ offensive waste should be removed from clinical areas daily.

Please contact the Infection Control Team on 01744 457314/ 01744 457312 if you require any additional advice/support.