

PUT YOUR WASTE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

BAG COLOUR	Black 	Clear 	Yellow 	Yellow and Black 	Orange 	Yellow and Purple Stripe 
TYPE OF WASTE	Domestic/General	Dry Mixed Recycling	Clinical Highly Infectious	Offensive	Clinical Infectious	Cytotoxic/Cytostatic Waste
WHAT IT MEANS	For the waste you would put in your household bin.	Recyclable items that can be put in the same bin.	Items used while treating patients with (suspected) infections. These items might also be contaminated with medicines or chemicals.	Waste that might be unpleasant but isn't harmful or infectious.	Items used in treating patients with (suspected) infections. These are typically contaminated with bodily fluids.	Items contaminated by cytotoxic and cytostatic waste.
EXAMPLES OF ITEMS	Coffee cups, paper towels, greasy food packaging, and polystyrene. Small quantities of food waste.	Food tins, drink cans, paper, cardboard and mixed plastics.	PPE, dressings, plasters, bandages, swabs and IV bags with medicines.	Nappies, sanitary towels, tampons and non-infectious PPE.	PPE, dressings, plasters, bandages, swabs and empty saline or glucose IV bags.	IV bags, lines and tubing that have had cytotoxic/static medicines added.
WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR WASTE	Low level heat recovery which generates energy.	Recycled and made into other products.	High level incineration which generates energy.	Low level heat recovery which generates energy. A small amount of waste goes to landfill, but we're aiming to reduce this in the coming years.	Alternative treatment and incineration which generates energy.	High level incineration which generates energy.