

## Standard Waste

- Any type of food
- paper, unless it has confidential information
- plastic eating utensils
- paper towels and paper cups
- any form of styrofoam
- tissues
- band-aids
- all kinds of tape
- medical gloves that are not soaked with blood or bodily fluids
- any size gauze pads as long as they are less than 50 percent soiled
- alcohol wipes as long as there are only a few drops of blood on them
- soiled but not soaked wound dressings
- basins including emesis basins
- bedpans as long as they are empty
- urinals as long as they are empty
- empty urine specimen cups for lab samples
- empty stool containers for lab samples
- disposable drapes, mainly used for surgery
- disposable lab coats
- isolation gowns
- empty foley catheter bags
- adult diapers, or briefs as I like to call them
- disposable incontinence pads
- surgical masks
- empty IV bags and tubing without blood on them
- personal protective equipment (PPE)
- sanitary pads and tampons

## Medical Waste

- containers, drains, or tubing with blood or blood products not discarded or flushed
- dialyzer and its tubing
- IV tubing with blood
- chest drainage
- gauze or surgical type dressings soaked 50 percent or more with bodily fluids
- OB sanitary pads soaked 50 percent or more with bodily fluids
- laboratory specimens including blood, urine, stool, or sputum
- adult diapers soaked 50 percent or more with or bodily fluids
- used culture plates, tubes, and bottles
- material from a blood spill
- medical gloves soaked with blood or bodily fluids
- surgical sponges/lap pads
- foleys with urine inside
- fully sealed disposable sharps container

## Sharps Waste

- broken glass
- needles and syringes
- disposable surgical instruments
- biopsy forceps
- electrocautery tips
- glass pipettes
- microscope slides and tubes
- scalpel blades and lancets
- surgical staples and wires
- vacutainer needles/holder
- razors
- scissors
- lancet (finger sticker)

## Recycle Bin

- aluminum cans
- tin foil
- magazines
- plastic bottles
- juice and milk cartons
- junk mail, as long as there is not confidential information on it
- newspapers
- cartons
- egg cartons, cardboard and sometimes styrofoam
- phone books no matter how old or new they are
- cardboard
- plastic bags
- paper, as long as there's not confidential information on it
- glass containers such as jars
- paper and plastic cups but not styrofoam
- some electronics such as cell phones