



Hazardous Waste Disposal

BLOOD AND BODY FLUIDS

Biomedical (human or other animals) wastes include blood and body fluids as well as gloves and plastics contaminated with same. Disposal depends on whether the materials are wet (pose a leak hazard), or dry (ie. gauze that has dried blood).

HOW TO DISPOSE – DRY WASTE

- Do not autoclave
- Collect material in **red** bags labelled as BIOHAZARDOUS
- **Double bag** to ensure no tears
- Store in freezer for pickup
- Does not require red bucket, as it should not represent a liquid spill hazard
- Affix Biological Waste Tag (available on website) and check box labelled *Blood & Body Fluids*
- Register your waste as “Other Wastes” through the Hazardous Waste Inventory System (HWIS)
- Prior to pick up please ensure:
 1. exterior of container/bag is not contaminated
 2. bag must have no tears or leaks
 3. tag is complete

HOW TO DISPOSE – WET OR MOIST WASTES

- Do not autoclave
- Collect material in **red** bags labelled as BIOHAZARDOUS
- **Double bag** to ensure no leaks
- Store in freezer for pickup
- Prior to pick-up, place waste bag(s) in red 20 L biohazard buckets (request from HSE)
- Affix Biological Waste Tag (available on website) and check box labelled *Blood & Body Fluids*
- Register your waste as “Other Wastes” through the Hazardous Waste Inventory System (HWIS)
- Prior to pick up please ensure:
 1. exterior of container/bag is not contaminated
 2. bag must have no tears or leaks
 3. tag is complete

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Procedure for blood and body fluids waste

This is a guide to help you determine how to safely dispose of your hazardous waste. If you have questions, contact HSE.

1 What is it?

Biomedical (human or animal) wastes include blood or body fluids, as well as gloves and plastics contaminated with the same.

Disposal depends on whether the materials are wet (pose a leak threat) or dry (ie. gauze with dried blood)



2 Dry wastes

This waste does not need to be autoclaved.

- **Double bag** waste in red biohazard bags and store in freezer for pick up;
 - does not require red bucket as it should not pose a liquid spill hazard



3 Wet or moist wastes

This waste does not need to be autoclaved.

1. For semi-wet wastes (drenched/dripping wastes)
 - a. **Double bag** waste in red biohazard bags and store in **freezer** until pick up. Prior to pick-up, place waste bag(s) in red biohazard buckets or;
 - b. Collect in red biohazard bags and freeze with bucket
2. For liquid wastes:
 - a. Collect in sealed containers and place in red biohazard buckets
 - b. Collect directly in biohazard bucket (approval required)

Ensure there is no exterior contamination or leaks.



4 Request Pick-up

Request pick-up through the [HWIS](#):

- Use a **biological** waste tag and check 'Blood and Body Fluids'
- **Ensure:**
 - **Exterior is not contaminated**
 - **No tears or leaks**
 - **Tag is affixed and complete**
- Place in appropriate location for pick-up



5 What happens after pick-up?

After pick-up, HSE **consolidates** the waste from each waste stream.

- To prevent undue harm to HSE, you must segregate and bag your wastes properly
- Waste contractor picks up waste every few months for disposal



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Still have questions?

Contact Health, Safety and Environment



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