



## Infection Control: Employee Health Waste Disposal

### Policy Statement

All infectious and regulated waste shall be handled and disposed of in a safe and appropriate manner.

### Policy Interpretation and Implementation

1. All infectious and regulated waste destined for disposal shall be placed in closable leak-proof containers or bags that are color-coded or labeled as herein described. The Infection Preventionist and Environmental Services Director will ensure that waste is properly disposed of and the following rules are observed:
  - a. If outside contamination of the container or bag is likely to occur, a second leak-proof container or bag which is closable and labeled (or color-coded) shall be placed over the outside of the first container or bag and closed to prevent leakage during handling, storage, and transport.
  - b. Disposal of all infectious and regulated waste shall be in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
  - c. Immediately after use, sharps shall be disposed of in closable, puncture resistant, disposable containers that are leak-proof on the sides and bottom and are labeled or color-coded.
    1. These containers shall be easily accessible to personnel and located in the immediate area of use; and
    2. These containers shall be replaced routinely and not allowed to overfill.
  
2. The facility has established procedures governing infectious and regulated waste disposal. Copies of such policies are available from the Infection Preventionist and Environmental Services Director.

<b>References</b>	
<b>References</b>	OSHA’s Bloodborne Pathogens Standard and Enforcement Procedures at: <a href="http://www.osha.gov">www.osha.gov</a>
<b>Related Documents</b>	Medical Waste Policies
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