



Clinical Waste Storage and Disposal

Storage of Clinical Waste

Before collection and disposal of clinical waste, clinical waste needs to be double bagged, removed from active practice areas and stored in a secure covered receptacle such as a rubbish bin(s) in a storage area:

The outer bag for clinical waste shall be yellow to identify the contents for appropriate disposal;

Bags need to be securely stored preferably inside a locked yellow bin with a biohazard symbol and/or in a restricted area. There should be no access available to the public

The storage area should be:

- separate from clean stores;
- clean.

Disposal of Clinical Waste

Clinical waste disposal requires the use of licensed contractors and high temperature incineration or special burial.

For compliance reasons regarding disposal, contact your local council or environment pollution agency.

If the waste is disposed of by a contractor offsite, you will require:

- a certificate of disposal
- a certificate stating that the contractor disposes of the waste in accordance with the Environment Protection Authority guidelines

Reference: RACGP Infection Control Standards for Office Based Practices – 4th Edition

Reference: RACGP Standards for General Practice – 3rd Edition