

# WASTE DISPOSAL UPDATE

## Guidance on waste disposal from rooms for persons confirmed for the nCOV2019

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*Regular trash is to be disposed of as normal and does not require red bag waste disposal. This includes PPE and unprocessed COVID-19 saliva test vials free of visible blood and PHI.*

### ***Additional items needed for waste collection/disposal***

- Stericycle sharps container lid and replacement reusable sharps container

### ***Red bag – Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) Disposal (non-sharps waste)***

- Remove red bag from room and tie off
- Take the red bag to the soiled utility and place in the Stericycle RMW reusable gray container or cardboard box with red liner
- Use a red autoclave Stericycle sticker for transportation when waste is taken to the central accumulation area

### ***Sharps Containers (reusable) -Cart or Box Disposal***

- Remove reusable sharps container from bracket or cabinet
- Place red lid on sharps container
- Wipe sharps container and cabinet or bracket with 3m 25A (quat) or purple top wipes
- Take reusable sharps container to the central accumulation area and place on dirty cart or follow package guidelines for reusable sharps replacement

### ***Sharps Containers (disposable) – RMW Disposal***

- Close lid, place in red bag, and tie off (gooseneck)
- Take the red bag to the soiled utility and place in the lined Stericycle reusable gray bin or cardboard box
- Use a red autoclave Stericycle sticker for transportation when waste is taken to the central accumulation area

### ***Yellow bag – Pathological Waste Disposal***

- Place yellow bag waste in the Stericycle reusable gray bin or cardboard box with liner in the soiled utility
- Use a green incinerate Stericycle sticker for transportation when waste is taken to the central accumulation area

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