

WASTE SEGREGATION



RIGHT WASTE. RIGHT BIN. RIGHT CARE.

🏠 Aged Care & Home Care Settings | 👤 Every action counts.

GENERAL WASTE

Non-hazardous waste from resident/client care areas, kitchens and offices.



Examples:

- Food scraps
- Packaging
- Disposable cups, tissues and napkins
- Non infectious continence aids or care devices (i.e. catheter bags/tubing)



CLINICAL WASTE

Waste may contain blood, infectious body fluids or contaminated materials (not sharps).



Examples:

- Heavily soiled dressings
- Blood stained materials
- Contaminated PPE
- Infectious care devices (i.e. catheter bag/tubing)



CYTOTOXIC WASTE

Waste contaminated with cytotoxic medications or cytotoxic body fluids (urine /faeces/vomit).



Examples:

- Cytotoxic medication packaging
- Used medication cup/ applicator
- Cytotoxic contaminated PPE
- Cytotoxic contaminated care devices (i.e. catheter bags/ tubing, stoma bag)



PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE

Waste consisting of expired, unused, contaminated or discarded medicines.



Examples:

- Expired medicines
- Unused medicines
- Contaminated medicines
- Topical creams, ointments and patches



SHARPS WASTE

Waste that can cause cuts or punctures.



Examples:

- Needles (and syringe if permanently attached), insulin pen nibs
- Broken ampoule and used vials
- Lancets
- Disposable razor
- Scalpel blades



CONFIDENTIAL PAPER WASTE

Paper documents containing confidential or sensitive information about residents, clients, staff or the organisation.

Examples:

- Care plans
- Resident/client records
- Assessment forms
- Medication charts
- Financial and billing information
- Staff records
- Any paper with personal details



WHY IT MATTERS



Protects residents/clients, staff and visitors



Prevents infections and illness



Reduces injuries from sharps



Protects our environment



Ensures legal compliance and quality care

GOOD PRACTICE



- ✓ Segregate waste at the point of care.
- ✓ Use the correct bin for each type of waste.
- ✓ Do not overfill bins. Close securely.
- ✓ Perform hand hygiene and utilise appropriate PPE.
- ❓ Ask if you're unsure.

