

## APPENDIX A

### Disposal Streams for Biomedical and General Waste

Waste Category	Colour Code	Examples	Disposal
<b>Anatomical waste</b>	Red	<p>Tissues, organs, body parts</p> <p>Note: Medical supplies used in the provision of care of infectious diseases categorized as Category A under the TDG regulations (for example: viral hemorrhagic fever) are to be disposed as biomedical waste.</p>	<p>Incineration</p> <p>Must be packaged in a sealed, impervious container that is refrigerated or frozen until disposal</p> <p>Must never be kept longer than one week</p>
<b>Microbiologic waste</b>	Yellow	Diagnostic specimens, cultures, vaccines	<p>Incineration, <i>or</i></p> <p>Treatment that is capable of inactivating spores (e.g., autoclave), then landfill</p>
<b>Fluid waste</b>	Yellow	Drainage collection units and suction containers contents, blood, blood products, bloody body fluids and other materials that will release liquid or semi-liquid blood if compressed	<p>Sanitary sewer if permitted by municipal bylaws, <i>or</i></p> <p>Incineration, <i>or</i></p> <p>Treatment that is capable of inactivating spores (e.g., autoclave), then landfill</p>
<b>Hazardous or Cytotoxic</b>	YELLOW	<p>Hazardous Medication type 1 or 2, medication cups, syringes, gloves, gowns used when administering this medication.</p> <p>For clients on hazardous medication type 2 – disposable items soiled with body fluids (briefs, gloves, gowns, mask with visors, dressings, urinary bags, etc)</p>	Incineration

<b>Sharps</b>	<p>Yellow <i><b>or</b></i> Red if incinerated</p> <p>Red sharps containers for hazardous medication sharps</p>	Needles, syringes, lancets, blades, clinical glass	<p>Incineration, <i><b>or</b></i></p> <p>Treatment that is capable of inactivating spores, then landfill</p> <p>Or in accordance with municipal / regional regulations.</p>
<b>General waste</b>	Green, black or clear	<p>Dressings, sponges, diapers, incontinent pads, PPE disposable drapes, dialysis tubing and filters, empty IV bags and tubing, catheters, empty specimen containers, lab coats and aprons and pads that will not release liquid or semi-liquid blood if compresses</p> <p>Isolation waste from Contact, Droplet and Airborne Precautions rooms</p> <p>Waste from offices, kitchens, washrooms, public areas</p>	Landfill

Source: PIDAC: Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of Infections, May 2012.