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## Clinical waste collections



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Clinical waste is mainly produced by hospitals, health clinics, doctors' surgeries and veterinary practices, but also arises from residential homes, nursing homes and private households.



A sharps box collection/ replacement service is available for needles, syringes and other sharps medications. Please call Customer Services on 020 8207 2277 for further information. Please note: while we are able to collect sharps boxes with mauve lids we are unable to provide replacements.

A separate clinical waste sack collection is only required if the waste being produced has been diagnosed as infectious by a healthcare professional.

There is no charge for recycling of clinical waste from domestic properties. If you think you need a collection please contact us to discuss.

**PLEASE NOTE: you do not need a separate clinical waste sack collection if either of the following applies:**

- Your waste includes sanitary towels, incontinence pads, swabs or dressings or nappies. These items can all be disposed of in your black bin. The only exception is if the waste is from someone diagnosed as infectious by a healthcare professional.
- You are treated at home by a nurse or healthcare professional - they should take any waste arising from dressings, medications etc. away with them.

For [commercial clinical waste](#) there is a charge depending on the amount and number of collections. Each business is individually assessed for charges.

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