

COVID-19 medical waste

Current UK guidance is that COVID-19 clinical waste should be packaged and transported in accordance with the requirements for Category B pathogens.

COVID-19 waste should be consigned as **infectious clinical waste suitable for alternative treatment disposal** (EWC code 18.01.03, Stericycle waste type HT) and packaged as follows:

Orange bags for soft clinical waste, e.g:

- Dressings
- Swabs
- Wipes
- Gloves
- Gowns
- Masks
- Aprons



Bags should be filled **no more** than two thirds full OR to a maximum weight of 8kg, whichever is reached first.



Bags should be sealed at the point of production using the **swan-neck** method.



Do not use for medicinally or chemically contaminated waste.



NO FREE LIQUIDS

Do not use for the disposal of free liquids.



NO SHARPS

Do not use for the disposal of sharps or rigid items likely to puncture the bag.

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