

Garbage and Biomedical Waste



PURPOSE:

To provide the safe handling & disposal of regular garbage and biomedical waste

MATERIALS:

- Disposable gloves
- Heavy duty or utility gloves
- Garbage bags
- Biomedical waste containers



CLEANING STEPS

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Do a Risk Assessment

- Determine risk of exposure to germs and the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required for the task.
- Wear the correct PPE to safely do the job.

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- The garbage in health facilities should be placed in a container lined with a plastic garbage bag.
- Garbage bags must be thick enough not to puncture or tear easily, and must be waterproof.

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- Garbage bags should be collected when $\frac{3}{4}$ full or if there is a bad smell from the bag.
- Daily garbage collection (or more frequently if needed) is necessary in patient care areas including washrooms, waiting rooms and food preparations areas.

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- Garbage bags should be tied tightly at the top of the bag before removing them from garbage can.
- Be careful! Sharps may be in the garbage so DO NOT push down on the tops of bags or shake them.
- Direct the air coming out of the bag away from your face when tying off the garbage bag. This will help prevent splashes/sprays/odours from getting on your face and clothes.

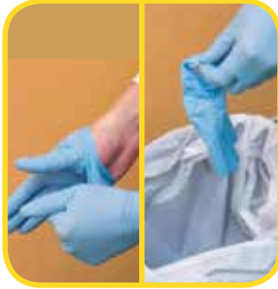


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- Double bag the garbage bag if it is:
 - Stretched or damaged
 - Dirty on the outside
 - Leaking or leaking might happen.

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- Remove gloves and put in garbage after you have handled garbage bags.
- Do hand hygiene.

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- Put on heavy duty or utility gloves to take the garbage bags, biomedical waste and Sharps containers to disposal area.
- Check that the top of all Sharps containers are closed well before removing.
- Hold bags away from your body during transport and disposal in order to:
 - Prevent injury from items that may have been incorrectly thrown away
 - Keep your clothes clean and away from waste that may be present on the outside of the bag.

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- Take filled biohazard waste bags and Sharps containers to a secure holding area until they can be taken away for disposal.
- Wipe the inside and outside of garbage collection bins daily.

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- Regular garbage and biomedical waste should not be transported through public areas or patient areas if possible.



