



# MANAGING HAZARDOUS WASTE IN HEALTHCARE

Managing biohazardous waste in a healthcare facility requires EVS technicians to follow careful procedures to reduce the risk of exposure to bloodborne pathogens. Outlined below are the four steps to managing biohazardous waste:



## COLLECTION

Containers must remain closed and prevent fluid leakage. They must be labeled or color-coded in accordance with the State Department of Health requirements. Facilities can use red containers and red waste liners or can apply approved biohazard warning labels to all containers.



## MOVEMENT

EVS technicians and other healthcare personnel should wear proper PPE when managing biohazardous waste. In transit, the waste needs to be kept in red, puncture-resistant containers.



## STORAGE

Medical waste requiring storage should be kept in red, leak-proof, puncture-resistant containers. The storage area should be well-ventilated to prevent odors and be inaccessible to pests.



## DISPOSAL

Healthcare facilities must dispose of medical waste regularly. Common ways to dispose of waste include: incineration, steam sterilization, microwave treatment or chemical disinfection. Disposal can be done offsite or onsite depending on state regulation.

## HELPFUL HINT

Biohazardous waste receptacles that are not red must feature the universal biohazardous waste label. The label must be affixed securely to the container to prevent unintentional removal.

Toxic and Hazardous Substances: Bloodborne Pathogens, 1910. 1030.





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	SKU	Description	Color
Collection	FG614400BEIG	12 GAL STEP-ON CONTAINER-BEIGE	Beige
	FG614400RED	12 GAL STEP-ON CONTAINER-RED	Red
	FG614500BEIG	18 GAL STEP-ON CONTAINER-BEIGE	Beige
	FG614500RED	18 GAL STEP-ON CONTAINER-RED	Red
	2089824	18 GAL STEP-ON CONTAINER-BLACK	Black
	FG614600BEIG	23 GAL STEP-ON CONTAINER-BEIGE	Beige
	FG614600RED	23 GAL STEP-ON CONTAINER-RED	Red
	2089821	23 GAL STEP-ON CONTAINER-BLACK	Black
	1883458	13 GAL SLIM JIM® FRONT STEP-ON-BEIGE	Beige
	1883566	13 GAL SLIM JIM® FRONT STEP-ON-RED	Red
	1883460	18 GAL SLIM JIM® FRONT STEP-ON-BEIGE	Beige
	1883568	18 GAL SLIM JIM® FRONT STEP-ON-RED	Red
	1883552	24 GAL SLIM JIM® FRONT STEP-ON-BEIGE	Beige
	1883570	24 GAL SLIM JIM® FRONT STEP-ON-RED	Red

	SKU	Description	Color
Movement and Storage	FG131400BLA	1 CUBIC YARD ROTOMOLDED TILT TRUCK	Black
	FG131700BLA	LID FOR 1 CUBIC YARD ROTOMOLDED TILT TRUCK	Black
	1971977	65 GAL MEDICAL WASTE BRUTE® ROLLOUT CONTAINER-RED	Red
	197200	95 GAL MEDICAL WASTE BRUTE® ROLLOUT CONTAINER-RED	Red

	SKU	Description	Color
Label	FGCL1	ENGLISH/SPANISH BIOHAZARD LABEL	Red

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