

UAMS GUIDELINES
WHERE DOES ALL THAT GARBAGE GO?

TYPE OF WASTE	SHARPS CONTAINER	RED BAG	REGULAR TRASH CAN	SANITARY SEWER (USE SPLASH PRECAUTIONS)
Sharps: Needles, lancets, staples, rods, pins, intravenous catheters, protected sharps, syringes with attached needles, scalpels, scissors, guidewires, etc.	X			
Lab/Medical Glass: Slides, ampules, test tubes, pipettes, specimen vials, capillary tubes, centrifuge tubes, broken glass	X			
Nonsharp Materials or Devices: (i.e., bandages, swabs, or gauze)saturated or caked with blood/body fluids that would release blood/body fluid in a liquid or semi-liquid state if compressed or would flake if handled		X		
Blood bags and IV tubing containing traces of blood or blood products		X		
Dialysis tubing containing blood		X		
Foley catheter/bags, with visible blood		X		X
Pleurovacs, hemovacs, suction canisters and tubing which cannot be emptied of bulk blood/body fluids.		Solidify Prior to disposal X		X
Specimens for culture, used culture plates, devices used to transfer, inoculate or mix cultures.		X		
Human Tissues: organs, body parts, other surgical specimens free of formaldehyde		X		
Chemo Waste: empty containers/vials/bags		X		
Chemo Waste - uninfused; or unused Controlled Medications: CONTACT PHARMACY				
Used Personal Hygiene Products: diapers, blue pads, facial tissues, sanitary napkins, unless saturated or caked with blood or body fluids.			X	
Nonsharp disposable surgical instruments, needleless syringes, and materials without blood			X	
IV tubing and bags, without blood or sharps			X	
Ventilator Tubing			X	
Emptied Containers: pleurovacs, hemovacs, urine or stool cups, Foley and ostomy bags, bedpans urinals, emesis, basins, suction canisters, tubing, etc.			X	
Gowns, gloves, masks unless covered with blood that would ooze or flake if compressed			X	
Medication Vials (glass or plastic, non-chemo)			X	
Isolation Room Waste ++ not meeting other criteria			X	
Liquid Human Waste: urine, sputum, blood, feces, etc.				X