Regulated Medical Waste

The following items should be placed in a red bag liner and disposed of as regulated medical waste:

* Blood bags
* Hemo-vacs
* IV bags used to administer blood product
* IV bags with blood in the tubing
* Pleuro-vacs
* Suction canisters with blood or body fluids

* Items saturated with blood or body fluids:
  * Blue pads
  * Dressings
  * Gowns and gloves
  * Surgical sponges

The following items should be placed in a Sharps container and disposed of as regulated medical waste:

* Needles
* Syringes
* Scissors
* Blades
* Broken glass with contaminated blood or body fluids
* Any item contaminated with blood or body fluids that could puncture a bag or puncture the skin

General Waste

The following items should be disposed of as general waste:

* Basins
* Bedpans
* Diapers
* Emesis basins
* Empty IV bags and lines
* Endotracheal tubes
* Foley catheters and bags
* Product packaging
* Urinals

* Items not saturated with blood or body fluid:
  * Blue pads
  * Bandages
  * Gloves, gowns, aprons, and masks
  * Surgical sponges
* Empty medication vials (non-chemotherapy)
* Isolation gowns, gloves, and masks
* Rinsed suction containers
* Ventilator tubing