



TITLE:	INFECTION CONTROL – WASTE DISPOSAL	POLICY 10.08
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**PURPOSE:**

This policy describes managing and control of infectious waste disposal

**SCOPE:**

Applies to all employees, volunteers, and visitors

**POLICY:**

We handle and dispose of infectious waste as follows:

**PROCEDURE:**

At the site or room or area where you are handling infectious waste:

1. Bag the waste in a leak-proof bag (impervious to moisture).
2. Fill bag no more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  full, to allow the bag to close easily.
3. Clearly label the bag as "infectious waste".
4. Keep infectious waste separate from other waste.
5. Place sharps (e.g. needles or items which may cause a puncture or cut) in a rigid, puncture resistant container properly labeled and sealed.
6. Store bags in a closed container marked "Infectious Waste" separate from non-infectious waste, until waste is picked up for final disposal.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

No exceptions to this policy may be granted without the prior written approval of the Director.

**SUPERCEDES:**

None