



COVID-19 Medical Waste

Current UK guidance is that COVID-19 clinical waste should be packaged and transported in accordance with the requirements for Category B pathogens.

COVID-19 waste should be consigned as **infectious clinical waste suitable for alternative treatment disposal** (EWC code 18.01.03) and packaged as follows:

Orange bags for soft clinical waste, e.g:

- ✓ Dressings
- ✓ Swabs
- ✓ Wipes
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Gowns
- ✓ Masks
- ✓ Aprons



Bags should be filled no more than two thirds full OR to a maximum weight of 8kg, whichever is reached first.



Do not use for the disposal of free liquids.



Bags should be sealed at the point of production using the swan-neck method.



Do not use for the disposal of sharps or rigid items likely to puncture the bag.



Do not use for medicinally or chemically contaminated waste.