



**CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL / BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CLINICAL AND SHARPS COLLECTION REFERRAL**

**Referring Health Professional/Organisation Details:**

ORGANISATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL CHARGE THE REFERING ORGANISATION FOR THE COLLECTION OF ALL CLINICAL WASTE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DIABETIC SHARPS.**

**Patient's details (collection address):**

NAME OF PATIENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**What type of collection is required? – requests will not be processed without this information**

SHARPS COLLECTION (YELLOW TOPPED)   
 DIABETICS SHARPS COLLECTION (YELLOW TOPPED)   
 INFECTIOUS CLINICAL COLLECTION

(NOTE- NON INFECTIOUS WASTE IS TO BE PLACED IN NORMAL BLACK BIN - SEE PAGE 2)

**What frequency is this collection required?**

ONE-OFF COLLECTION   
 REGULAR COLLECTION

DATE REQUIRED – FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TO: \_\_\_\_\_

The end date must be provided - please contact us again to extend

**FOR CYTOTOXIC OR CYTOSTATIC (PURPLE LIDDED) SHARPS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL OR LOCAL COUNCIL USING THE DETAILS OVERLEAF TO OBTAIN A QUOTE.**

Describe the type(s) of waste required to be collected (please use types of waste as defined overleaf):

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## Please forward your requests as below:

### For Central Bedfordshire residents

Address: Waste Services Department, Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1LF

Email: [wasteservices@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:wasteservices@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

### For Bedford Borough residents

Address: Environmental Services, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP

Email: [CommercialServices@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:CommercialServices@bedford.gov.uk)

## Clinical Collections: Information and advice

	Description	Type of waste	Disposal route
Clinical ( <b><i>infectious</i></b> healthcare) waste	Healthcare waste which has been used on, or for a patient who has been diagnosed with an infection and is being treated for that infection. This <u>includes</u> personal protective equipment, wound vacuum drains and blood-soaked items which could pose a risk of infection.	Infectious dressings Infectious swabs Infectious human tissue Any waste containing blood residue that has been classed as infectious.	Clinical waste collection
Sharps	Yellow Lid	All needles used for injecting or taking blood Disposable instrument blades	Dedicated sharps box collections
'Offensive' waste	Healthcare waste which is non-hazardous and does not pose an 'infection-risk', which has been used on, or for, a patient who does not have a known infection. This <u>includes</u> incontinence products, personal protective equipment, wound dressings, urinary catheter and stoma products. This <u>excludes</u> all wound vacuum drains and blood soaked items.	Catheter bags – with contents emptied into the toilet Stoma bags – with contents emptied into the toilet Incontinence pads Tubing, and 'peg' or stomach feeding equipment Plasters Small dressings	Residual, black bin or sack
Unwanted / out-of-date medicines		Tablets Liquids Creams Epi-pens	Return to a local pharmacy.
Medicine packaging	Any confidential documents and papers, and labels from patient's medication to be disposed of in line with provider's guidance.	Cardboard boxes Aerosol cleaning sprays Plastic nutrition bottles for stomach feeding Plastic packaging	Recycling bin or bag (Rinsed and squashed as usual)
Waste produced when a healthcare worker treats a resident in their own home	Clinical ( <b><i>infectious</i></b> healthcare) waste	Infectious dressings Infectious swabs Infectious human tissue Any waste containing blood residue that has been classed as infectious.	Arrangements to be made by healthcare worker.
	Non-hazardous 'offensive' waste excluding sharps		The domestic waste option only to be used by healthcare workers with householder's permission. Waste items must be double-bagged, using sandwich type bag or white bag from dressing pack before putting in domestic waste bag/bin. Sharps should never be put into a domestic waste bag/bin without first being secured in a puncture proof container.