











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COLOUR CODING KEY TO WASTE SEGREGATION

Colour	Description
 Yellow	Waste which requires disposal by incineration Indicative treatment/disposal required is incineration in a suitably permitted or licensed facility.
 Orange	Waste which may be “treated” Indicative treatment/disposal required is to be “rendered safe” in a suitably permitted or licensed facility, usually alternative treatment plants (ATPs). However this waste may also be disposed of by incineration.
 Purple	Cytotoxic and cytostatic waste Indicative treatment/disposal required is incineration in a suitably permitted or licensed facility.
 Yellow/black	Offensive/hygiene waste* Indicative treatment/disposal required is landfill or municipal incineration/energy from waste at a suitably permitted or licensed facility.
 Red	Anatomical waste for incineration¹ Indicative treatment/disposal required is incineration in a suitably permitted facility.
 Black	Domestic (municipal) waste Minimum treatment disposal required is landfill , municipal incineration/energy from waste or other municipal waste treatment process at a suitably permitted or licensed facility. Recyclable components should be removed through segregation. Clear / opaque bags/sacks may also be used for domestic waste.
 Blue	Medicinal waste for incineration¹ Indicative treatment/disposal required is incineration in a suitably permitted facility.
 white	Amalgam waste For recovery

* The use of yellow/black for offensive/hygiene waste was chosen as these colours have historically been universally used for the sanitary/offensive/hygiene waste stream.

1. The colours “red” and “blue” are new to the colour-coding system in this edition. Care should be taken when ordering red containers to ensure that they can be clearly differentiated from orange. The colour-coding could be agreed as part of a contract specification.