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# Your clinical waste



This leaflet is for residents who need to dispose of waste produced in the home due to a medical condition. It describes the options available and includes an application form for the Council's clinical waste service.

## Introduction

Some waste produced due to a medical condition needs to be stored and collected separately from general rubbish. Other items such as non-recyclable medical packaging can be put out in purple sacks as normal domestic refuse. Use the table to decide which service meets your needs.

### Use your normal purple sack for:

- General non-recyclable household waste
- Medical items that are not hazardous or potentially infectious, for example catheter bags
- Non-recyclable packaging from medical supplies
- **Incontinence pads and ostomy bags if the user is NOT carrying infection.**

### The service provided:

- All general waste (non infectious/hazardous) must be contained in Borough of Broxbourne purple sacks. Each resident will receive an annual allocation of 52 free sacks. Further sacks can be purchased for 28p each
- Residents producing additional general waste as a result of a medical condition or those with mobility difficulties can request additional sacks free of charge.
- Purple sacks are collected weekly as part of the regular refuse collection and sent for incineration.

### Use the Council's yellow clinical waste sack service for:

Any waste that is hazardous or may cause infection to any person coming into contact with it, such as:

- human tissue
- blood
- other bodily fluids
- swabs and dressings
- Incontinence pads – if the user is carrying an infection

**The clinical waste sack should never be used for needles or other sharp items.**

### The service provided:

- Clinical sacks are provided and collected free of charge by Broxbourne Borough Council
- Collections are weekly
- Sacks should be put out on the doorstep before 7am on collection day (this may be different from your general waste collection day)
- New sacks are left at the time of collection.



## Use the Council's sharps box service for:

Syringe needles, cartridges, any other contaminated disposable sharp instruments or items. Please request a 'yellow lidded' box unless the waste contains cytotoxic or cytostatic products. In these cases a 'purple lidded' box should be requested.



## The service provided:

The Council provide a service to collect sharps boxes. The sharps boxes can be obtained on prescription from your doctor. Alternatively they can be provided by the Council.

- Collections are weekly and take place when requested by residents using the service (this may be different from your general waste collection day). Sharps boxes should be put out on the doorstep before 7am
- New boxes are left at the time of collection unless you obtain your boxes on prescription from your doctor.

Please note, pills and medicines cannot be disposed of through this service. These items should be taken to a pharmacy for disposal.

## Applying for our services

To apply for any of the above services please complete the attached form. Please note that the form requires endorsement by a medical professional. The Council will contact the applicant within 14 days of receiving a fully completed form to arrange a start date for the service. Please note, that users of the service will be required to complete an annual renewal form.

The information submitted on this form will only be used by Broxbourne Council for administration of the clinical waste and purple sack service. It will not be passed onto any third parties.