



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

**Your details**

ORGANISATION:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

**Patient's details – collection address**

NAME OF PATIENT:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

**What collection is required?**

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 OVER)

**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 OR MEDICATION PLEASE  
CONTACT YOUR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL OR COUNCIL REGARDING  
COLLECTION/DISPOSAL.**

**BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL CHARGE FOR THE COLLECTION OF ALL CLINICAL WASTE.**

Define the type of waste required to be collected (please see overleaf for details):

## 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: Waste Services Department, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP

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

## Clinical Collections: Information and advice

	Description	Type of waste	Disposal route
Clinical ( <i>infectious</i> 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 includes 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 includes incontinence products, personal protective equipment, wound dressings, urinary catheter and stoma products. This excludes 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 medicine		Tablets Liquids Creams Epi-pens	Return to a local pharmacy.
Medicine packaging	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 home	Clinical ( <i>infectious</i> healthcare) waste	Infectious dressings Infectious swabs Infectious human tissue Any waste containing blood residue that has been classed as infectious.	Arrangements made by healthcare worker.
	Non-hazardous 'offensive' waste		The domestic waste option can only be used by a healthcare worker with the householder's permission. Waste items must be double-bagged, using a sandwich type bag or white bag from a dressing pack before placing in the householder's domestic waste bag. Larger quantities must only be disposed of via the provider's tiger stripe bag collection system.