

Application for Clinical / Medical Waste Collection

From 1st April 2017 Walsall Council will be responsible for collecting medical and clinical waste produced by residents in their own homes. If you produce this type of waste you can use the attached form to apply for a medical / clinical collection.

There are different categories of medical and clinical waste that we will collect:

- Offensive / Hygiene Waste
- Clinical / Infectious Waste
- Sharps (needles and syringes)

These have to be contained and disposed of in different ways. It is very important that you dispose of your waste correctly or we may not be able to remove it.

Your Doctor, District Nurse or other health care professional who attends to your needs is required to validate your application.

Walsall Council does not offer a disposal service for unused pharmaceutical products (medicines and drugs). These items should be returned to a pharmacy.

Below is an explanation of the different types of waste.

Offensive / Hygiene waste

This is non-clinical waste and includes items such as those used to dispose of urine, faeces and other bodily secretions including used disposable bed pans or bed pan liners, incontinence pads, stoma bags and urine containers. It does not include babies nappies or feminine hygiene products. It can usually be disposed of in your grey bin and will be collected as part of your domestic refuse collection (grey bin).

If your medical condition means a standard (140 litre) grey bin is not big enough you may use this form to apply for a larger one free of charge.

In certain circumstances a 240 litre grey bin may not be adequate, for example if you are a large family and someone in your household also has an on-going medical condition. If you think a 240 litre grey bin will not be large enough for you please explain why on your application form. We will assess such requests on an individual basis. We will ask you to provide proof of occupancy for everyone living in your household and may visit your home to ensure the service you receive meets your needs.

Clinical / Infectious Waste

This includes items such as wound dressings, swabs and bandages contaminated with blood or other bodily fluid / secretions that are infectious or potentially infectious and renal dialysis waste. This is classified as hazardous waste and should never be put into your grey bin.

Clinical / Infectious Waste is collected in orange or yellow bags by a specialist contractor on behalf of Walsall Council. If you produce this type of waste you will need to complete the attached application form telling us what, and how much, waste you produce. We may visit your home to ensure the service you receive meets your needs.

Collections are usually made on Tuesday's. The frequency of your collections will depend upon how much and what type of waste your produce, we will let you know the arrangements for your collections once we have received and processed your application.

Your details (name, address, telephone number, amount of waste and collection point) will be shared with our contractor and will be processed in line with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Sharps (needles and syringes)

This includes used syringes, needles and cartridges and is classified as a hazardous waste. Sharps should always be disposed of in a dedicated sharps container to prevent any risk of contracting blood-borne viruses. Never put sharps into your household bins or in your orange or yellow bag with other clinical waste. If you do this we will not be able to collect your waste.

Sharps containers will be collected by a specialist contractor on behalf of Walsall Council. This includes purple lidded containers containing cytotoxic or cytostatic sharps.

If you need to dispose of sharps containers you need to complete the attached application form telling us what waste you produce. If you use a purple lidded container (cytotoxic or cytostatic sharps) you must make this clear on your form otherwise we will not be able to collect your container.

Once you are registered with us your sharps container will be exchanged on request. You can either call our Contact Centre on 01922 653344 or e-mail Cleanandgreen@walsall.gov.uk to arrange this. Sharps containers are usually exchanged on Tuesday's.

We may visit your home to ensure the service you receive meets your needs. Your details (name, address, telephone number, type of waste and collection point) will be shared with our contractor and will be processed in line with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Environmental Depot
200 Pelsall Road,
Brownhills
WS8 7EN
Tel: 01922 653344



Recyclable Packaging

If you also produce additional recyclable waste, such as the boxes or packaging your medical products come in, we may be able to give you a larger green recycling bin. You can use this form to apply for a larger green bin. If you are a large family you must provide proof of occupancy for everyone living in your household. We will assess such requests on an individual basis and may visit your home to ensure the service you receive meets your needs.



Clinical / Medical Waste Assessment Form

E-mail completed form to cleanandgreen@walsall.gov.uk

Or post to: Clean & Green, 200 Pelsall Road, Brownhills, Walsall, WS8 7EN

SECTION A: Details of the person producing clinical / medical waste

Title _____ First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

Tel No: _____

How many people live at the property? _____ (we will require proof of occupancy for large families if you apply for a larger grey bin)

SECTION B: Doctor / Healthcare Professional / Practice details

(To be completed by a Healthcare Professional such as GP / Hospital / District Nurse)

Doctor's Name _____ Date: _____

Surgery / Clinic / Hospital Address: _____

Surgery / Clinic / Hospital Tel No: _____

Health Care Professional / Practice stamp:
(Assessments must be stamped as verification)

SECTION C: Details of waste produced

**Please note: Walsall Council does NOT offer a disposal service for pharmaceutical products and unused medication. These items should be taken to a pharmacy.

Tick all appropriate boxes

Offensive / Hygiene Waste	Clinical / Infectious Waste	Sharps
Incontinence pads <input type="checkbox"/>	Wound dressings <input type="checkbox"/>	Syringes <input type="checkbox"/>
Empty Stoma bags <input type="checkbox"/>	Swabs <input type="checkbox"/>	Needles <input type="checkbox"/>
Disposable bed pans / liners <input type="checkbox"/>	Bandages contaminated with blood or other bodily fluid / secretion <input type="checkbox"/>	Cartridges <input type="checkbox"/>
Empty urine containers <input type="checkbox"/>	Renal dialysis waste <input type="checkbox"/>	What size sharps container do you have? _____ Litre
Catheters <input type="checkbox"/>		
Other waste (<i>please state below what this is</i>)		Do you have cytotoxic or cytostatic sharps (purple lidded box)? Yes / No* *Delete as appropriate

Is the applicant suffering from any disease or infection that may be transmitted by means of the collection and/or disposal of their waste?

Yes / No*
*Delete as appropriate

Is the applicant or the carer of the applicant fully aware of the disposal requirements for all of the clinical and medical waste that they are generating for disposal from the premise?

Yes / No*
*Delete as appropriate



SECTION D: Collections

If you have identified that you produce items that fall into the Offensive / Hygiene category you can put these into your grey bin.

We will usually replace your 140 Litre grey bin with a larger 240 Litre one if required. If you think a 240 Litre bin will not be adequate for your needs you may apply for a very large 360 Litre bin.

I require a 240 Litre grey bin

OR I require a 360 Litre grey bin I require a 360 Litre green (recycling) bin

If applying for a 360 Litre grey or green (recycling) bin please explain why you need a very large bin.

(If you are a large family you must provide proof of occupancy for everyone living at your address)

If you have identified that you produce items that fall into the Clinical / Infectious or Sharps category please fill in the details below.

Your information (name, address, telephone number amount of waste and collection point) will be passed to our contractor who will collect your waste on behalf of Walsall Council, and will be processed in line with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Date Service Required From: _____ to _____

Collection Frequency:

Regular scheduled bag collection required

Sharps exchange on request One-off

If regular scheduled collections are required, estimated quantity per week:

Half bag or less One bag

Two bags More than two bags *(please state how many)*

Collection point (e.g. front doorstep) _____