

# COVID-19

## Waste Handling Processes

GUIDELINES TO ENSURE STAFF SAFETY AND WASTE DISPOSAL COMPLIANCE

**COVID-19 is a category B waste, it is classified as standard biomedical waste and is to be treated and handled as standard biomedical waste.**

### Fill the Bin.

**COVID-19 waste does NOT need “special” handling**

COVID-19 waste is classified by CDC as regulated medical waste and managed the same as all other biomedical waste. It is imperative for the minimization of handling touches, serviceability and national stock availability that medical waste bins are utilized safely and efficiently with no changes to current fill-volume utilization.



### Safely Secure.

**Tie up bags + secure containers to safely contain waste**

This ensures protection of healthcare staff and waste handlers.



- ✓ Use a single, CGSB approved yellow bag for containment of COVID-19 / biomedical waste
- ✓ Contamination or puncturing of the bag requires placement into a second yellow bag
- ✓ Seal yellow bag by twisting and tying by hand into a single knot
- ✓ Contain bag in a rigid container and close lid securely
- ✓ The yellow bag **MUST NOT** be visible once the container is closed



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