

COLOUR CODING GUIDELINE FOR WASTE SEGREGATION

UP TO DATE COLOUR CODING GUIDANCE FOR HTM 07-01 (CURRENT AS OF 2012):

Color	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.
Blue	Medicinal 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 receptacles may also be used for domestic waste.
white	Amalgam waste For recovery