

What is Regulated Medical Waste?



- ▶ **Visibly bloody** gloves, plastic tubing, or personal protective equipment (PPE)
- ▶ Gauze, bandages or other items **saturated with blood**
- ▶ Securely closed **disposable sharps containers**
- ▶ **Items that are freely dripping liquid or semi-liquid blood** or “potentially infectious materials” or could readily release infectious materials if compressed
- ▶ **Items containing dried blood** or “potentially infectious materials” that could release flakes if compressed or otherwise handled
- ▶ **Human blood and blood products**, including serum, plasma, and blood components
- ▶ **Hemodialysis waste** of all items that were in contact with the patient's blood (tubing, filters, towels, gloves, aprons, lab coats) and any other contaminated disposable equipment)*
- ▶ **Human or animal isolation wastes** (blood, excretion, exudates, secretions, and items contaminated with these) from humans or animals that have been isolated to protect others from communicable diseases*
- ▶ **Sharps waste contained in a disposable sharps container**
- ▶ **Surgery or autopsy tissue, organs, or body parts** (eg, adenoids, appendix, tonsils, amputated digits, hands, feet, arms or legs), also known as pathological wastes
- ▶ **Surgical and autopsy wastes** (eg, soiled dressings, sponges, drapes, lavage tubes, drainage sets, underpads, and surgical gloves) that were in contact with infectious agents*
- ▶ **Cultures or stocks of any virus, bacterium or other organism** including discarded live attenuated vaccines and the items used to transfer, inoculate or mix cultures
- ▶ Tissues, organs, body parts, bedding, carcasses, and body fluids from **experimental animals that were exposed to infectious agents**
- ▶ **Teeth** in dentistry
- ▶ **Laboratory wastes** that have been in contact with infectious wastes, including gloves, coats and aprons*
- ▶ **Discarded medical equipment** and its components that have been in contact with infectious agents*
- ▶ Any other discarded item or waste that an administrator believes poses a **threat to human health or the environment**

