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## **Category A Waste Handling & Packaging Procedures Guidelines for a Suspected or Confirmed Case of Ebola**

- With a suspected or confirmed Ebola case immediately contact the local/state health department and CDC.
- All waste generated from a suspected/confirmed patient should be treated as special Category A DOT waste as follows:
  1. Make sure you are utilizing all PPE and following all applicable guidelines as directed by the following link from the CDC:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/environmental-infection-control-in-hospitals.html?mobile=nocontent>
  2. Place soft waste or sealed sharps containers into a primary medical waste bag (min 1.25 or 1.5ml – ASTM tested; can be provided by Stericycle).
  3. Apply bleach or other virocidal disinfectant into the primary bag to sufficiently cover the surface of materials contained within the bag; securely tie the bag.



4. Treat the exterior surface of the primary container with bleach or other virocidal disinfectant.
5. Place the primary bag into a secondary bag and securely tie the outer bag.
6. Treat the exterior surface of the secondary bag with bleach or other virocidal disinfectant.

**If you HAVE Stericycle 55 gallon special Category A DOT Waste “GREEN DRUMS” on site go to Step 10 below**

**If you do NOT have special Stericycle 55 gallon special Category A DOT Waste “GREEN DRUMS” on site continue to Step 7 below**

7. The double bagged waste should then be placed on a hard non-porous surface in a secure room close to the point of use. Make sure the collection area is clearly labeled special Category A DOT Waste.
  8. Contact your Stericycle representative who will arrange delivery of the special Category A DOT Waste containers (containers can be shipped for overnight delivery).
  9. **As soon as your special Category A DOT Waste Containers arrive follow step 10 below.**
  10. The double bagged waste should then be placed into special Category A DOT Waste packaging/drums provided by Stericycle with the liner tied securely and container closed per the packaging instructions provided. Label the special Category A DOT Waste with provided labels.
  11. Store the special Category A DOT Waste containers separate from other regulated medical waste in a secure area preferably isolated and with limited access.
- Stericycle recommends using disposable sharps containers for suspected/confirmed Ebola cases. The disposable container should be sealed and disposed of as special Category A waste following the instructions above. If a reusable sharps container is inadvertently used that container should also be sealed and disposed of inside the bags with the Category A waste.

- Contact your Stericycle representative who will begin the process with the DOT to acquire a “Special Permit” as required.
  - *Stericycle has been advised by the DOT and CDC that we must address each situation on a case by case basis until such time that they have an all encompassing protocol.*
  - *Once the Special Permit has been granted, Stericycle will provide a current copy of the special permit to be maintained at the Generator’s site as per DOT regulations.*
  - *Contact your Stericycle representative should you need additional supplies to properly package Category A waste.*
  - *We will develop additional guidance for contingency planning as more information becomes available.*

Additional information sources:

CDC directly at CDC.gov <<http://CDC.gov>>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/environmental-infection-control-in-hospitals.html?mobile=nocontent>

<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/portal/site/PHMSA/menuitem.6f23687cf7b00b0f22e4c6962d9c8789/?vgnextoid=4d1800e36b978410VgnVCM100000d2c97898RCRD&vgnnextchannel=0f0b143389d8c010VgnVCM1000008049a8c0RCRD&vgnnextfmt=print>