

# Swansea University

## Waste Management Guidance Note **WMGN for Halls of Residents;**

Disposal of used precautionary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and wastes associated with COVID-19

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<b>Waste Management Guidance Note WMGN</b> <b>Halls of Residents; Disposal of used precautionary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and wastes associated COVID-19</b>	
Location Generated	All Halls of Residents
EWC	<b>15 02 03</b> EWC 15 02 03 absorbents, filter materials, wiping cloths and protective clothing including COVID-19 risk precautionary personal protective equipment (PPE). <b>18 01 03*</b> Infectious wastes whose collection and disposal is subject to special requirements in order to prevent infection
Disposal Method	Segregated for incineration
Bin/ Bag Type	15 02 03 (black bag) 18 01 03* (orange infectious)
<b>Duty of Care Requirements</b>  The University and Residential Services are legally required to comply with Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and/or The Waste (England & Wales) Regulations 2011. Duty of Care applies to anyone who imports, produces, carries, keeps, treats, disposes of, or are a dealer or broker that has control of, controlled waste.  It is a legal requirement to ensure all wastes are correctly classified. Incorrectly disposing of hazardous waste via a non-hazardous waste stream can lead to legal and financial penalties dependent upon the severity of the noncompliance. All wastes must be assigned the correct European Waste Code (EWC) by the University's Waste and Recycling Officer to ensure the correct disposal route is identified for the waste.  The Department for Energy, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and The Environment Agency (EA) have confirmed;  "Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) separated out from other waste streams such as general everyday masks and gloves that are not used in a medical setting and are separated from the normal mixed waste stream with the intention of being collected separately should be classified as Chapter 15 waste, EWC code 15-02-03 which <b>does not need to be classified as infectious or hazardous waste.</b> " (Thecomplicancepeople, 2020)  The University Halls of Residents produce a wide range of wastes, due to the Coronavirus COVID-19, segregation is now needed in residential buildings to capture used precautionary PPE.  This guidance note must be followed to ensure safe, and compliant disposal of these wastes.	

This Waste Management Guidance Note only provides information on the disposal of precautionary PPE and associated cleaning materials. For further Health and Safety guidance on wearing PPE in the workplace, contact [Health and Safety](#)

### Items for disposal

- Gloves
- Masks
- Sanitiser wipes, tissues, blue roll
- Used small sanitiser bottles



PPE wastes must not be disposed of into non-recycling or recycling bins

### Internal Disposal

#### Non-infectious waste including COVID-19 risk precautionary PPE

All listed waste items, worn as a precautionary measure against COVID-19 must be disposed of at '**Used precautionary PPE Disposal Points**'



The disposal points for halls of residents will be located in each campuses main reception buildings; Preseli in Singleton Park Campus, Hendrefoelan Student Village Main Reception.

### Internal Disposal

#### Infectious offensive waste with associated with COVID-19

All listed waste items associated with potential or confirmed cases of COVID-19 must be disposed of into orange infectious clinical waste bags.



Students whom are displaying symptoms and/or self-isolating must be provided with an orange bag in which **all their personal waste** e.g. tissues **must** be placed into. The students must not use any other bins in the halls of residence to dispose of personal wastes and PPE if they are displaying symptoms.

### External disposal

When bags are full they can be safely taken by cleaning staff to the dedicated external wheelie bin, located in Preseli waste compound and Singleton Park Campus, and outside main reception at Hendrefoelan Student Village.



When the bin is full and requires emptying please email [estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk)

### External disposal

When the bag is full it must be securely sealed and doubled bagged. PPE must be worn to transfer the bag out to the dedicated external yellow wheelie bin located in Preseli waste compound at Singleton Campus, and outside reception at HSV.

The bin **MUST** be kept locked at all times



When orange bag is given to students [estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk) must be informed

### Disposal Cost

The disposal cost is factored into the University's waste management service provision; therefore there is no direct cost to individuals/Colleges/PSUs.

For further guidance please contact [estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk)



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# USED PPE DISPOSAL POINT



