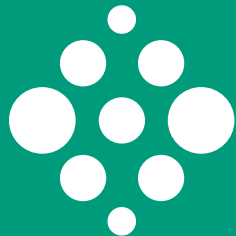


IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHANGES
TO YOUR
WASTE TAG
COLOUR



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Why is there a need for changes?

In March 2011 an updated version of the **Safe Management of Healthcare Waste** guidance document was published by the Department of Health.

This new version introduces colour codes for two categories of waste that did not previously have designated colour coding.

Red – Anatomical waste for incineration

Blue – Non-hazardous (non cytotoxic/cytostatic) medicines for incineration

The SRCL BioTrack system uses colour coded tags for these waste types that do not correspond with this colour coding scheme. The BioTrack system currently uses blue for anatomical waste and red for medicinal waste and medicinal sharp waste. If we do not change the current tags there is significant scope for confusion.

What will change?

During September SRCL will change the BioTrack tag colour coding to reflect the colour coding recommended in Safe Management of Healthcare Waste. This will mean the following changes:

Waste Description	BioTrack Code	Old colour	New colour
Anatomical waste for incineration	HA	Blue	RED
Infectious medicinal sharps for incineration	HS	Red	YELLOW
Non-hazardous medicines for incineration	HP	Red	BLUE

Please note that none of the other information on the tag will change. The only alteration is to the colour.

Should you have any questions about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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