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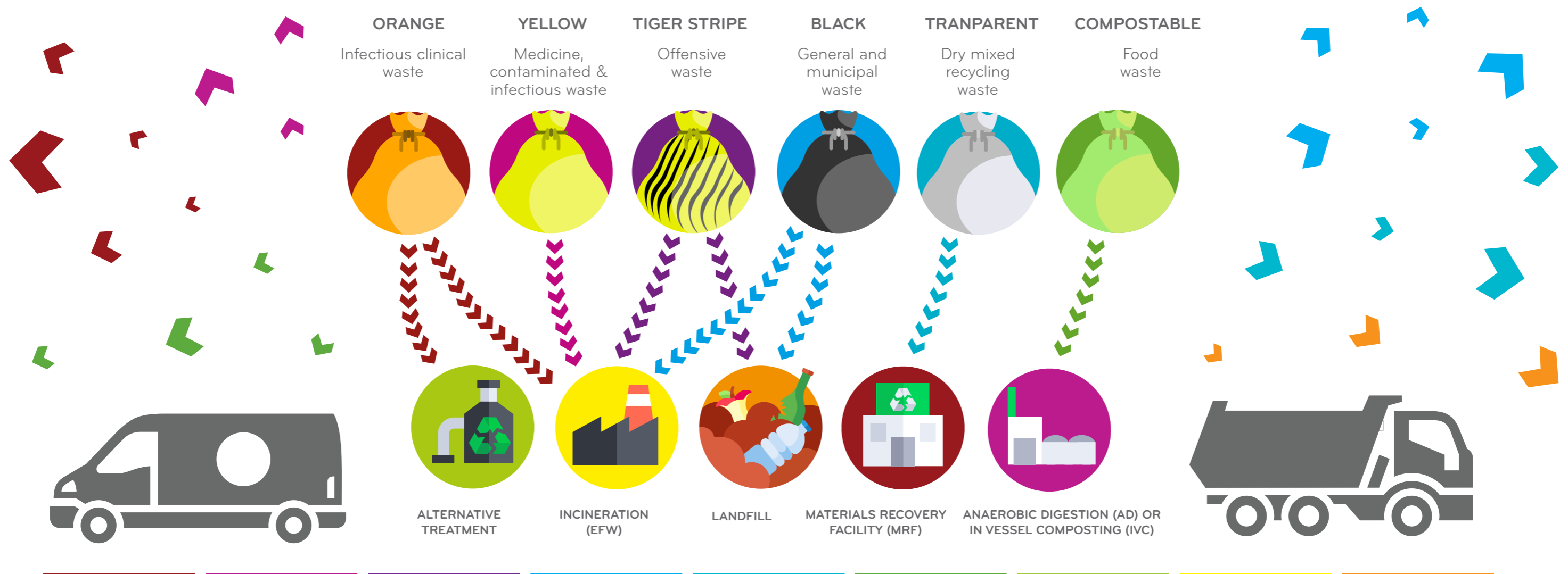


CLINICAL WASTE DISPOSAL - WHICH BAG IS BEST?

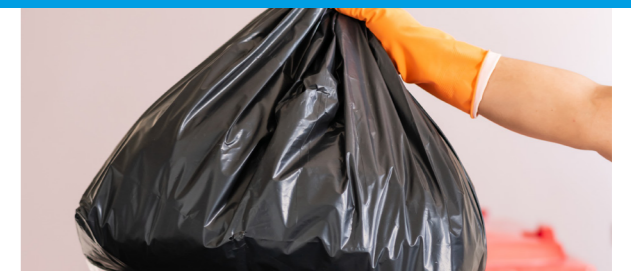




Clinical waste can take more forms, each requiring a specific treatment. Each waste stream can be identified by the colour of bag used to capture and contain it. Below is an infographic outlining the principle.



WASTE SEGREGATION: BAG TYPES EXPLAINED



ORANGE BAGS

Orange Bags – for Infectious Clinical Waste.

This is waste arising from the treatment of infectious patients, or those suspected of having an infection, possibly contaminated with bodily fluids. NOT containing medicine contaminated waste. For example:

- PPE (gloves, masks aprons)
- Wipes, dressings, plasters and bandages
- Incontinence waste
- Empty saline or glucose IV bags, and tubing (no active medicines added)
- This waste may be sent for incineration (with energy from waste) or Alternative Treatment (AT) facilities.

This waste must be sent for incineration.

YELLOW BAGS

Yellow Bags – for infectious waste, including medicine contaminated infectious waste.

This is waste that has been used in the treatments of infectious patients, those suspected of having an infection and are contaminated with medicines or chemicals. For example:

- PPE (gloves, masks aprons)
- Wipes, dressings, plasters and bandages
- Incontinence waste
- Empty saline or glucose IV bags, and tubing (no active medicines added)
- IV Bags, lines and tubing that have had medicine added
- Chemically contaminated waste.

This waste must be sent for incineration.

TIGER STRIPE BAGS

Yellow Bags with Black Stripe (Tiger Bags) – for offensive waste (inc. sanitary / nappy waste).

For waste arising from the treatment of non-infectious patients, possibly containing bodily fluids, for example:

- PPE (gloves, masks aprons)
- Wipes, dressings, plasters and bandages – non infectious
- Incontinence waste – non infectious
- Soiled sanitary towels and tampons from public and work based female toilets
- Nappies – from baby changing areas and nurseries.

This waste may be sent to landfill, or incineration, or AT.

COMPOSTABLE BAGS

Some waste management organisations may manage food waste differently.

Some organisations may collect food waste separately in compostable bags.

Our compostable products are fully compliant with the European composting standard EN13432.



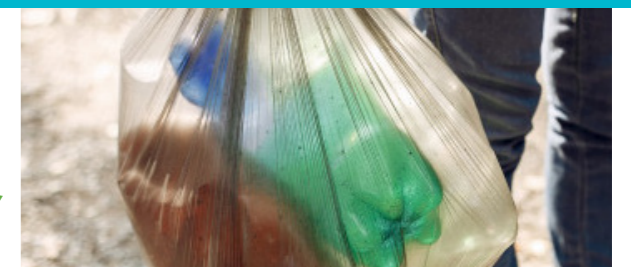
BLACK BAGS

Black Bags – General Domestic Waste

This is for waste that is similar to that produced in the home environment, none recyclable, for example:

- Flowers
- Used medicine tots
- Sweet wrappers

This waste may be disposed of by landfill or EFW.



TRANSPARENT BAGS

Natural (Clear) Bags – Mixed Dry Recycling

For waste similar to that produced in the home environment, which is recyclable, for example:

- Paper / cardboard
- Paper towels
- Newspapers/magazines
- Clean plastic and tins.

This waste may be sent to MRF (Materials Recovery Facility).



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