

WAC 480-70-451 Biomedical waste, packaging and containment. (1)

Biomedical waste, except for sharps waste (refer to subsection (2) of this section), must be contained in bags or lined containers that are impervious to moisture and that will not rip, tear, leak, or burst under normal conditions of transportation. If bags are used, they must be properly secured to prevent leakage during handling and transportation.

(2) Containers used for sharps waste (refer to WAC 480-70-041) must:

(a) Be impervious to moisture;

(b) Not rip, tear, leak, or burst under normal conditions of transportation;

(c) Be rigid and puncture-resistant; and

(d) Be labeled in accordance with applicable federal standards.

(3) A company transporting biomedical waste contained in bags or disposable containers must place the bags or disposable containers inside tightly covered pails, cartons, drums, or portable bins. The containment system, that may be any color, must be:

(a) Leak-resistant;

(b) In good repair; and

(c) Labeled in accordance with applicable federal standards.

(4) Reusable containers for biomedical waste must be thoroughly washed and decontaminated each time they are emptied.

(5) Packaging and containers marked or labeled as containing biomedical waste may not be used to ship or transport waste that does not meet the definition of biomedical waste.

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