

Wastes Management Advice for West Sussex County Council (WSCC) Schools undertaking Lateral Flow Testing.

This document has been put together by Wastes Management Services at WSCC to make it as easy as possible for the above schools to have this specific waste removed.

The most important part of managing the waste from the Lateral Flow Tests is that the waste is kept segregated and contained within the correct packaging (correct coloured sacks). This is important as it ensures the onward transport is compliant and the treatment/disposal of the waste is appropriate. It also means that the cost of handling and treating this waste is kept as low as possible for discarded items that do not need such specialist handling or disposal requirements. Please follow the below guidance.

Separating waste generated from the testing.

Item	Waste Category	European Waste Code (EWC)	Likely management route/waste Hierarchy	Health Technical Memorandum (HTM) 07.01 Waste Packaging
Swabs	Chemical	180107/180104	Municipal Incineration or Clinical Waste Incineration	Unmarked clear sack. Do not use hazardous waste packaging. 
Cartridges / Devices	Chemical	180107/180104	Municipal Incineration or Clinical Waste Incineration	
Disposable PPE (such as masks, gloves or gowns)	Offensive	180104	Municipal Incineration or last resort landfill	Tiger bag 

Once this specific waste has been securely bagged (to ensure no leaks) please leave it in a secure location where it can be easily collected by a collection operative and not confused with other waste. It will be important to ensure your facilities (cleaning and caretaking staff are aware of this process).

If you are part of the Facilities Management Contract Service Level Agreement, please call your PHS Account Manager to give them the correct address and specific site location instructions for them to follow on arrival on the following number: 02920 809098.

At the point of collection, the PHS Operative may require a signature (unless due to Covid-19 reasons this process is suspended).

For all other non-hazardous waste categories, (e.g. cardboard packaging) please use your existing route for recyclables or general waste collection and disposal.

Should you have any questions or queries please email fmservicesforschools@westsussex.gov.uk

If you are not part of the Facilities Management Contract Service Level Agreement then please email: wastecollectionservice@westsussex.gov.uk and further advice will be provided.