

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

NUMBER: 706

SUBJECT: Liquid and Solid Waste Disposal

ACA STANDARDS: 4-ALDF-1A-02; 4C-18

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I. POLICY

The St. Louis County Department of Justice Services shall provide a level of safety regarding the disposal of liquid and solid waste which meets or exceeds those established by applicable federal, state and local codes.

II. RESPONSIBILITY

All St. Louis County Department of Justice Services ' staff are responsible for the following procedures.

III. DEFINITIONS

Hazardous Material: A substance capable of exposing one to risk or harm through misuse or abuse, including but not limited to gasoline, cleaning fluid, oil insecticides, pesticides, drain cleaners, caustic acids, anti-freeze, paint, paint thinner, floor stripper, bleach and other materials generally considered hazardous.

Infectious Waste: Shall include but not be limited to, human blood waste, semen, vaginal secretions, saliva and other bodily fluids usually considered infections.

Contaminate Sharps: Shall include but not be limited to, razors, needles, lancets and any other objects that can penetrate the skin and may be contaminated with blood or other infectious materials.

Non-hazardous Waste: Shall include but not be limited to, grease, garbage, trash, refuse, mop and other cleaning waters.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. Non-hazardous Waste Disposal

1. Liquids

- a.** All non-hazardous waste, such as dirty mop water, water used for cleaning and other waste waters, shall be disposed on in the janitor's closet drains or other drains when appropriate.
- b.** All kitchen grease shall be placed in the grease trap disposal and removed by a designated contractor.

2. Solids

- a.** An ample amount of trash receptacles shall be provided for the housing and non-housing areas in the facility
- b.** All trash receptacles will contain trash bags and shall be emptied daily.
- c.** Recyclable materials will be sorted for collection when possible.

B. Hazardous Waste Disposal

1. Liquids

- a.** Hazardous liquid waste shall not be disposed of in toilets, sinks or drains.
- b.** Hazardous liquid waste shall be disposed of according to the manufacturer's material safety data sheets and applicable federal, state and county laws and ordinances.
- c.** All infectious liquid waste shall be placed in a biohazard container located in the Infirmary.
- d.** The Corrections Medicine staff shall contact a designated contractor to transport infectious waste off-site for disposal.
- e.** Only those staff members specifically trained in the proper

handling and disposal of hazardous and infectious wastes are authorized to do so.

2. Solids

- a.** All contaminated sharps shall be placed in approved sharps containers accessible only to authorized personnel. Sharps shall be properly disposed of as soon as feasible by a designated contractor contacted by the Corrections Medicine staff.
- b.** Other solid hazardous waste shall be disposed of per the manufacturer's safety data sheets and in accordance with applicable federal, state and county laws and ordinances.
- c.** Contaminated protective gloves, clothing and equipment shall be placed in a red trash bag and taken to the infirmary for deposit in a biohazard container.
- d.** Only those staff members specifically trained in the proper handling and disposal of hazardous and infectious wastes are authorized to do so.
- e.** Infectious solid waste shall be placed in a biohazard container located in the Infirmary.
- f.** A designated contractor shall be contracted by the Corrections Medicine staff for the disposal of solid waste.