

ADA Best Management Practices for Amalgam Waste, 2004	
DO	DON'T
<i>Do</i> use precapsulated alloys and stock a variety of capsule sizes	<i>Don't</i> use bulk mercury
<i>Do</i> recycle used disposable amalgam capsules	<i>Don't</i> put used disposable amalgam capsules in biohazard containers, infectious waste containers (red bags) or regular garbage
<i>Do</i> salvage, store and recycle non-contact amalgam (scrap amalgam)	<i>Don't</i> put non-contact amalgam waste in biohazard containers, infectious waste containers (red bags) or regular garbage
<i>Do</i> salvage (contact) amalgam pieces from restorations after removal and recycle the amalgam waste	<i>Don't</i> put contact amalgam waste in biohazard containers, infectious waste containers (red bags) or regular garbage
<i>Do</i> use chair-side traps, vacuum pump filters and amalgam separators to retain amalgam and recycle their contents.	<i>Don't</i> rinse devices containing amalgam over drains or sinks
<i>Do</i> recycle teeth that contain amalgam restorations. (<i>Note:</i> Ask your recycler whether or not extracted teeth with amalgam restorations require disinfection)	<i>Don't</i> dispose of extracted teeth that contain amalgam restorations in biohazard containers, infectious waste containers (red bags), sharps containers or regular garbage
<i>Do</i> manage amalgam waste through recycling as much as possible	<i>Don't</i> flush amalgam waste down the drain or toilet
<i>Do</i> use line cleaners that minimize dissolution of amalgam	<i>Don't</i> use bleach or chlorine-containing cleaners to flush wastewater lines

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Regarding the use of amalgam separators, the ADA advised:

- Select an amalgam separator that complies with ISO 11143.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for maintenance and recycling procedures.