Managing amalgam waste in the clinic

Types of amalgam waste

USED AMALGAM CAPSULES

AMALGAM PIECES
Both contact amalgam (has been in contact with a patient) and non-contact amalgam (scrap that has not been in contact with a patient) should be treated as amalgam waste.

DISPOSABLE CHAIRSIDE TRAPS THAT CONTAIN AMALGAM

If a material not on this list is contaminated with amalgam or amalgam-containing sludge, treat it as amalgam waste and place it in the amalgam collection container.

EXTRACTED TEETH THAT CONTAIN AMALGAM

VACUUM PUMP FILTER CONTENTS
If you have a water-based vacuum pump with a filter, the collected debris in the filter should be treated as amalgam waste.

As much amalgam as possible should be captured before it goes down the drain.

Dispose of amalgam waste in a plastic, sealed container with a lid, labeled “amalgam waste for recycling.” (Make sure your recycler accepts all these wastes, including teeth.)

Amalgam waste recycler

Contact your amalgam recycler for information or service:

Recycler name: __________________________________________
Phone number: _______________________________________

When the container is full, recycle the contents with a qualified mercury disposal facility.

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