

# Managing amalgam waste in the clinic

## Types of amalgam waste



USED AMALGAM CAPSULES

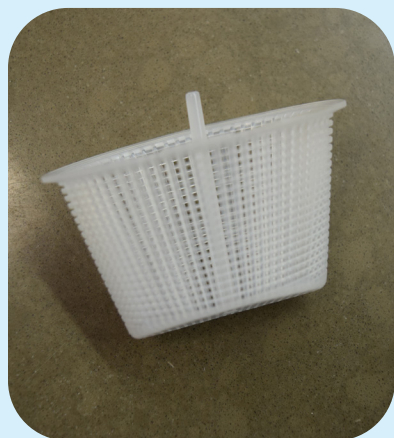


AMALGAM PIECES

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.



EXTRACTED TEETH THAT CONTAIN AMALGAM



DISPOSABLE CHAIRSIDE TRAPS THAT CONTAIN AMALGAM WASTE

Exception: traps from hygiene-only chairs where amalgam isn't placed or removed can be disposed of in the trash.

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.



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.)

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

## Amalgam waste recycler

Contact your amalgam recycler for information or service:

Recycler name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_