

HOW DO YOU HANDLE AND MANAGE YOUR WASTE?

REDUCE YOUR WASTE

Much of the waste produced by health facilities are not outright hazardous, and therefore can be re-used and recycled by implementing a strict segregation program. By properly segregating their wastes, health facilities will not only minimize their total waste but produce extra income as well.

Hazardous waste must also be treated properly so as not to cause harm to health workers, patients, and the surroundings.



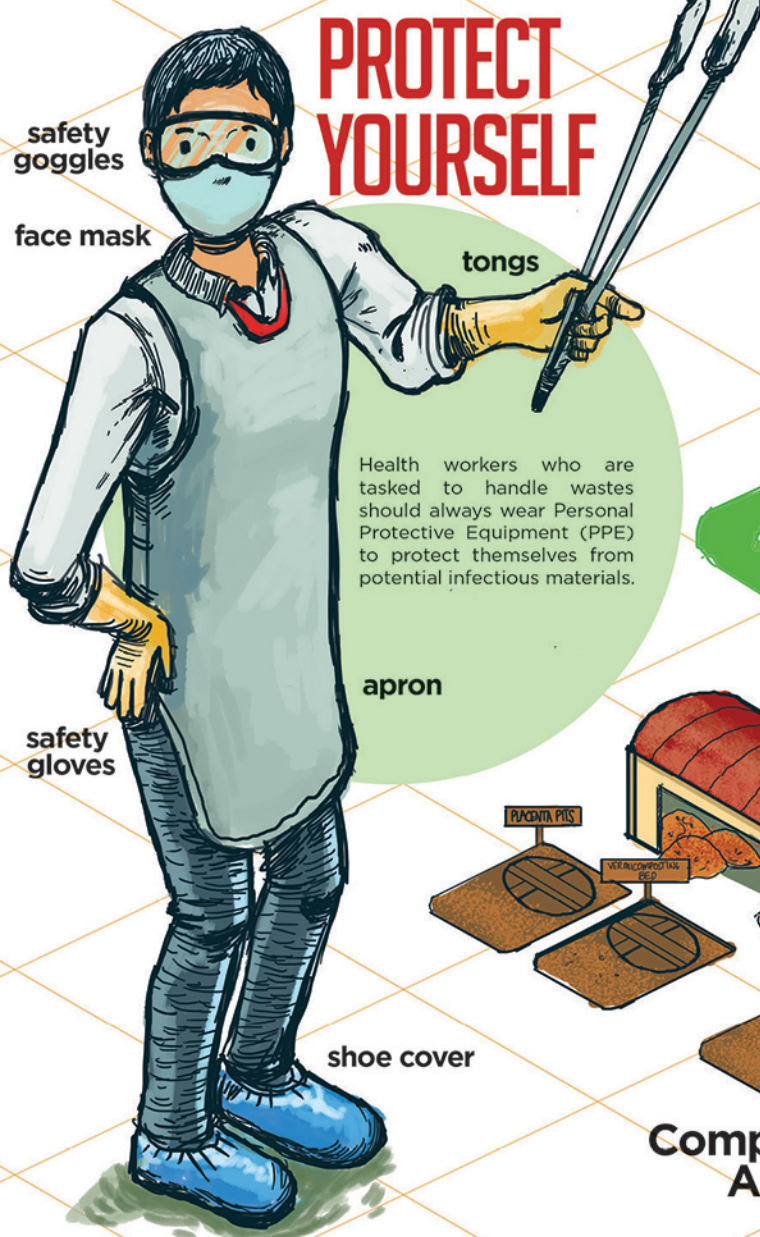
non-biodegradable waste



biodegradable waste

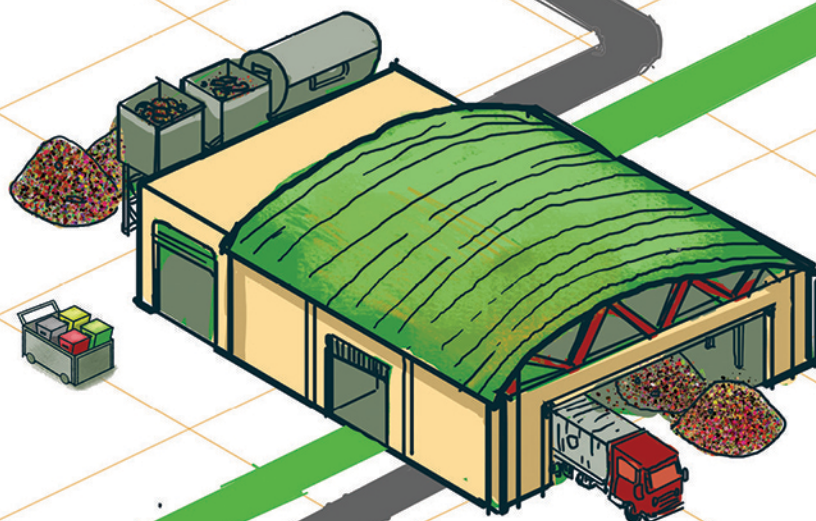


infectious waste



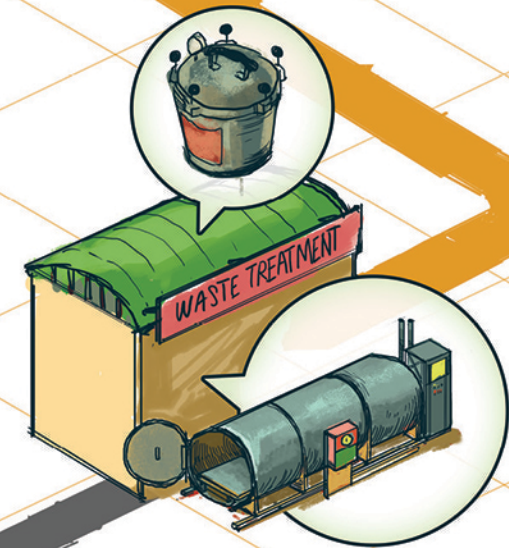
PROTECT YOURSELF

Health workers who are tasked to handle wastes should always wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to protect themselves from potential infectious materials.



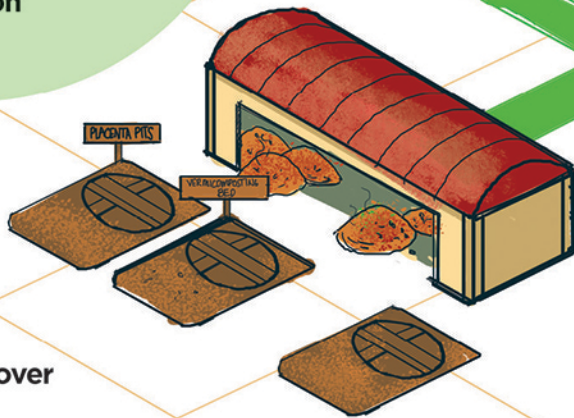
Materials Recovery Facility

Health facilities should have a Materials Recovery Facility, where biodegradable and non-biodegradable are segregated and recycled.

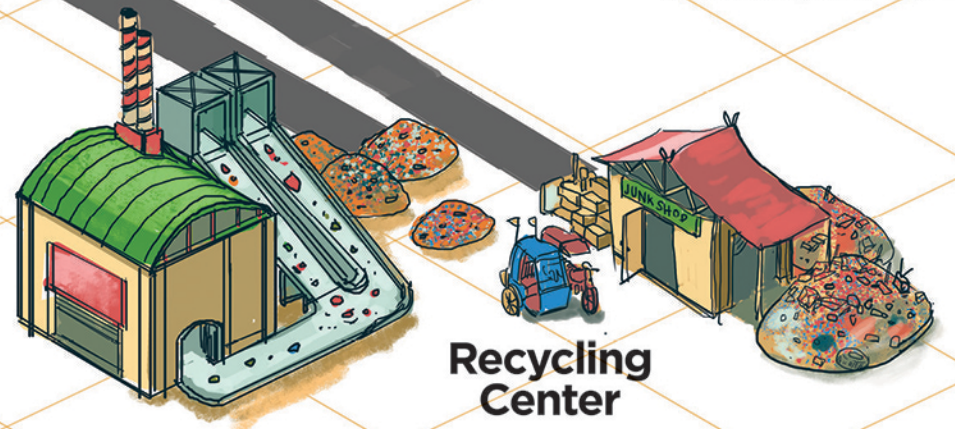


Waste Treatment Area

The 20% infectious waste should be disinfected so it is no longer a threat to humans and the environment. The treated infectious waste can now be rendered as regular municipal waste



Composting Area



Recycling Center

PRACTICES ON MANAGING WASTE



- Pollution prevention; waste minimization; correct classification and segregation
- Proper labelling and color-coding of waste containers; safe handling and collection of waste
- Proper storage, transportation and final disposal of waste



- Improper waste segregation; unsafe waste handling; dumping untreated waste
- Procurement of known toxic products over safer alternatives; extensive use of disposable materials
- Inadequate procedure for clean up and containment of spills
- Weak inventory control; inappropriate classification of hazardous wastes



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