



GreenHealthcare

Examples of good practices in Irish hospitals to reduce risk waste & increase recycling...



In Wards



- Only using healthcare risk waste bins in the dirty utility room
- Removing healthcare risk waste bins from:
 - The clean utility room
 - Public wards/ public areas
- Recycling bins throughout wards.



In Isolation Rooms



- General waste & recycling bins in certain isolation rooms (for certain contact spread – non-droplet/airborne) as well as risk waste bin.
- Keep material stocks low in isolation rooms (to avoid being thrown out unused later).



Throughout the Hospital



- Reclassifying certain wastes as not being healthcare risk waste e.g. uncontaminated: gowns, table covers, face masks, etc.
- Using smaller sized risk waste bins, where appropriate.
- Recycling bins within the theatres.
- Recycling bins throughout waiting rooms and other public areas.



For guides on reducing risk waste and increasing recycling, as well as case studies of the savings Irish hospitals have made, see www.greenhealthcare.ie