

# I. Category A Waste Disposal and Room Cleaning for a Frontline Hospital

## Waste

Waste contaminated (or suspected to be contaminated) with Ebola virus is a Category A infectious substance regulated as a hazardous material under the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR, Parts 171-180).

### Recommendations:

1. Meet with the facility's waste management company and develop a plan to use in the event that a patient generates Category A waste in this facility.
2. If a person presents and is under investigation for a disease that produces Category A waste, hold the waste in the room until the diagnosis is determined.
3. If it is determined that the patient does not have a disease that produces Category A waste, dispose of waste in the usual manner.
4. If it is determined that the patient does have a disease that produces Category A waste, work with MDH and the facility's waste management company to develop a plan on how to manage the waste.

## Environmental Cleaning

### Recommendations:

1. The facility should develop policies and procedures to follow in the event that a patient presents with Ebola or other disease in which the waste would be considered Category A.
2. If a person presents and is under investigation for a disease that produces Category A waste, hold the room without cleaning until the diagnosis is determined.
3. If it is determined that the patient does not have a disease that produces Category A waste, clean in the usual manner.
4. If it is determined that the patient does have a disease that produces Category A waste, refer to the facility's policy and work with MDH to develop a plan on how to manage the cleaning of the room and equipment.

[CDC: Ebola-Associated Waste Management](https://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/clinicians/cleaning/waste-management.html)

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[CDC Interim Guidance for Environmental Infection Control in Hospitals for Ebola Virus](https://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/clinicians/cleaning/hospitals.html)

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[CDC: Procedures for Safe Handling and Management of Ebola-Associated Waste](https://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/clinicians/cleaning/handling-waste.html)

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[DOT: Planning Guidance for Handling Category A Solid Waste \(https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/transporting-infectious-substances/planning-guidance-handling-category-solid-waste\)](https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/transporting-infectious-substances/planning-guidance-handling-category-solid-waste)

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