
Dental practices discharging to a private septic system should consult local municipality for guidance on this class of dental waste.

**Dental Amalgam Supply and Placement:**
- Amalgam filling: Place in air tight container & label: "Contact Amalgam"
- Place in air tight container and label: "Elemental Mercury"

**Collect excess Non-Contact Amalgam**

**Excess Elemental Mercury (Hg)**

**Empty Amalgam Capsules**

**Amalgamated in Office**

**Removal by Suction:**
- Amalgam particles: Chairside Traps & Screens 1 Vacuum Filter Pump Amalgam Separator
- Collected Contact Amalgam
- Encapsulated Amalgam

**Removal by Hand:**
- Amalgam filling and Teeth with Amalgam filling
- Broken and Unused Capsules
- Place in air tight container & label: "Non-Contact Amalgam"

**Release to approved waste carrier for disposal and/or recycling**

**Recycle or dispose with regular garbage**

1. There are different configurations of traps, cuspidors etc. All dental amalgam particles collected by any configuration should be treated as contact amalgam.
2. Where separation between contact and non-contact amalgam is not required by the Approved Waste Carrier, all amalgam wastes may be placed in a single container labelled "Scrap Amalgam".
3. Check with local municipality whether empty amalgam capsules are recyclable.

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