Best Management Practices for Amalgam Waste

**DO**

- Recycle used disposable amalgam capsules
- Do salvage, store and recycle non-contact amalgam
- Do salvage amalgam pieces from restorations after removal and recycle the amalgam waste
- Do use chair-side traps to retain amalgam and recycle the content
- Do appropriately disinfect and recycle extracted teeth that contain amalgam restorations
- Do recycle contents retained by the vacuum pump filter or other amalgam collection device if they contain amalgam
- Do use line cleaners that minimize dissolution of amalgam

**DON’T**

- Don’t put the following in bio-hazard containers, infectious waste containers (red bags), or trash:
  - Used disposable amalgam capsules
  - Non-contact amalgam waste
  - Contact amalgam waste
  - Extracted teeth that contain amalgam
- Don’t rinse chair-side traps containing amalgam over drains or sinks
- Don’t rinse vacuum pump filters containing amalgam over drains or sinks
- Don’t flush amalgam waste down the drain
- Don’t use bleach or chlorine-containing cleaners to flush wastewater lines

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