

# 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



**RECYCLE**

## 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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