

Dispose of Skin Markers in Black RCRA Waste Bins

Interim guidance reflecting current research. Updates may follow.

UC Health is collaborating with regulatory agencies and conducting testing on the markers to ensure they are disposed of in the most suitable manner. If a better solution is identified through our research, additional direction will be provided in the future.



Surgical skin markers are safe to use for staff and on patients. To protect the environment, the markers cannot be safely disposed of in the municipal solid waste.

Help us make sure that waste finds its place!