SMW includes items such as:

- cultures and
- stocks of microorganisms and biologicals;
- blood and blood products;
- pathological wastes;
- sharps;
- animal carcasses,
- body parts,
- bedding and related wastes;
- isolation wastes;
- any residue resulting from a spill cleanup;
- any waste mixed with or contaminated by infectious medical waste.

Infectious medical waste does not include:

- human remains and body parts being used or examined for medical purposes;
- human remains lawfully interred in a cemetery or in preparation by a licensed mortician for interment or cremation;
- used personal hygiene products such as, diapers, facial tissues and sanitary napkins;
- gauze and dressing material, containing small amounts of blood or other body secretions;
- hair, nails, and extracted teeth;
- most waste generated by veterinary hospitals.
- Also, any radioactive wastes or waste classified as hazardous are not infectious medical waste.