Types of Waste

General Waste

Paper, Cardboard, Wrappings, Food bags, Plastic
If uncontaminated by body fluids/solids, medicines or other potentially infectious contaminants. These items are general waste and recyclable or Black bag disposable

Offensive Waste

Non infectious body fluids, animal contaminated beddings, Contaminated disposable wipes.
The majority of the healthcare waste for practice. Routine kennel waste, wipes etc
Must not be contaminated with medicines or infectious material

Hazardous Waste

- Waste contaminated with infectious material. For practical purposes this will be healthcare wastes from isolation kennels
- Waste contaminated with Cytotoxic or Cytostatic medicines*
- Laboratory Waste

Medicinal Waste

- Wastes contaminated with medicines
- Non-hazardous. Majority of medicines, used syringes, empty vials, contaminated packaging
- Hazardous Medicinal Waste. Waste contaminated with Cytotoxic or Cytotoxic/Cytostatic Medicines*
- Sharps.
  - Hazardous waste all except Cytotoxic/Cytostatic* contaminated sharps
  - Hazardous. Cytotoxic/Cytostatic* contaminated sharps

Further information:
www.bsava.com Guide to the use of Veterinary Medicines
www.bva.co.uk Waste Guideline (members area only)