

Annex II. Waste hazard ranking tool

This table presents typical disaster waste streams with corresponding possible hazards and respective priorities for the emergency and early recovery phases.

Waste stream	Is it old waste, e.g. more than one week?	Is the waste close to residential areas?	Is the waste close to streams, rivers or other water sources?
Food waste	High priority	High priority	High priority
Packaging materials	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Excreta	High priority	High priority	High priority
Wastes from relief supplies	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority
Concrete/bricks	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Household furnishings and belongings	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Other wastes such as plastics, cardboard, paper	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Timber	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Cables, etc.	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Soils and sediments	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Bulky items	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Waste with potential hazardous properties	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority
Hydrocarbons such as oil and fuel	Low priority	Medium priority	Medium priority
Paint, varnishes and solvents	Low priority	High priority	Medium priority
Pesticides and fertilizers	Low priority	High priority	Medium priority
Household cleaning products	Low priority	Low priority	Medium priority
Medical waste in debris	High priority	High priority	High priority
Healthcare risk waste	High priority	High priority	High priority
Other potential infectious waste	High priority	High priority	High priority
Household wastes	High priority	High priority	High priority
Camp waste	High priority	High priority	High priority
UN/military/NGO waste	High priority	High priority	High priority
Commercial wastes	Low priority	Medium priority	Medium priority
Industrial wastes	Low priority	Medium priority	Medium priority
Unexploded ordnance (UXO)	High priority	High priority	High priority
Landmines and ammunition within the debris	High priority	High priority	High priority
Military vehicles	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Phosphorus and other weapon contamination	High priority	High priority	High priority
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