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Q. What do you do when your mask is soiled, damaged or no longer usable?  
A. When your mask is visibly soiled, wet or damaged, properly dispose of it in the trash.

Q. What do you do when your mask is in good condition but you’ve worn it for a few shifts?  
A. When your mask is still in good condition but you’ve worn it for a few shifts and you would like a fresh one, place the mask in a bin (picture below). At this time, not all units will receive a bin.

Q. What do mask collection bins look like?  
The bins will be labeled with the red and white sign shown below. Please do not push down the masks to create more room. These bins will be collected at minimum once per day. A number will be provided if pickup needs to occur sooner.

These bins are to collect masks/face shields worn by health care providers only. This includes: tie masks, ear-loop masks, N95 masks and masks with attached face shield. Masks that are visibly soiled, wet or visibly damaged (torn ties) are to be disposed of in the trash. Note: These bins are not for cloth masks.

Your everyday mask is to go in the collection bins.

Q. Can I collect masks for my unit without a designated bin?  
A. No. Do not create your own collection containers and collect masks.
   1. Do not collect used masks/face shields until your unit receives the dedicated bin and signage.
   2. We are working to add more as we obtain supplies (collection bins/bags).
   3. There is a process in place for collection of used masks. This is tracked by Environmental Services as bins are implemented in work areas.
   4. If you collect your own masks they will not be picked up, will harbor mold, and will be unable to be reprocessed.