

WASTE MANAGEMENT



PHI/Confidential Documents



Place all paper, DVDs, or CDs into a container that has been designated by your facility for secure destruction through shredding.

All Paper Includes:

- All paper documents (hand written or printed)
- After visit summary (AVS)
- Care-related faxes
- Check-in/Payment receipts
- Claims and billing records
- Dietary tickets
- Encounter lists/ Appt. logs
- Medical records
- Medical referral forms
- Member coverage and benefits information
- Patient menus
- Patient print out stickers
- Patient safety engineering work orders
- Pharmaceutical prescription forms
- Patient care documents/Medication lists
- Patient questionnaires
- Post-It sticky notes
- Test orders or result printouts
- Vendor contracts
- Visit notes
- Patient wrist bands



Medical Waste

Biohazardous/Red Bag Waste



Disposable items with any recognizable dry caked blood or any visible fluid blood and/or otherwise potentially infectious body fluids.

- Band-Aids and gauze with any visible fluid blood or recognizable dry caked blood
- Used wound cleaning swab and gauze
- Chux pads or surgical towels with blood
- Blood transfusion bags and/or tubing
- Catheters or feeding tubes
- Used speculums with batteries removed
- Specimen bags or any item labeled with a "Biohazard" symbol ...even if empty!

➔ Place in a red bag waste container labeled with a Biohazard symbol AND lined with a Red Bag.

Pathology Waste



Human specimens or tissues removed from a minor procedure, surgery, or autopsy.

- Skin tags, bone fragments, tissue, fat, surgery specimens or tissues, limbs, other organs, and placentas.

➔ Place in a container labeled with the words "Path" or "Pathology Waste," "Incinerate Only," AND a Biohazard symbol

Suction Canisters



Blood or body fluid

waste that is contained inside of flexible or rigid walled containers.

➔ Place used empty suction canisters into biohazard/red bag waste container

➔ Place flexible walled suction canisters containing blood and body fluid without solidifier into a biohazard/red bag waste container.

➔ Place rigid walled or flexible walled suction canisters containing blood and body fluid with solidifier canisters in a Pathology Waste "Incinerate Only" container.



Trace Chemotherapy

All materials from the production or administration of chemotherapy agents. Must not have free flowing liquids that will readily pour out

➔ Place into a yellow container labeled "Chemo" or "Chemotherapy Waste," "Incinerate Only," AND a Biohazard symbol

➔ See EH&S Department for arsenic trioxide waste disposal



Medical Waste

Pharmaceutical Waste

Also called Co-mingled Sharps and Pharmaceutical

Waste



OR



All non-RCRA hazardous waste pharmaceuticals, prescription or Over-the-Counter (OTC) products

- IV bags/tubing set containing saline or medications even if empty!
- Empty and Partially full injectable medication vials
- Loose pills and tablets
- Medicinal patches and lollipops
- Lubricants, gels, and creams
- Nebulizers with any pourable liquid
- Live and attenuated vaccine without preservative
- Personal care products, soaps, shampoos, toothpaste
- Anything that is a sharps waste; Syringes with or without needles. Including flush or feeding syringes
- Small items (e.g. cotton ball or 2x2) with fluid or dry blood (where red bag not available)

➔ Place in a blue or blue lidded container labeled with the words "Incinerate Only," AND a Biohazard symbol

Sharps Waste

Items capable of puncturing or cutting the skin and that are contaminated or not with blood or potentially infectious body fluids



OR



- Needles, syringes with or without needles attached, scalpel blades, guide wires, blood vials

➔ Place in a red or blue container labeled with a Biohazard symbol; red container must say "sharps", blue container must say "incinerate only"



RCRA WASTE “MOST IN ONE”



Waste Management – Hazardous Wastes*

Hazardous Waste

➔ Segregate into proper Black Waste Containers as indicated



RCRA “Most in One” Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Products Hazardous Waste Labeled Black Container - enables the collection of many, but not all, hazardous wastes in the same container.

SHARPS are NOT permitted in the most in one container.

- Procedure site marking pens/skin dyes
- Ultrasound Gels
- Hot/Cold Packs, Infant Heel Warmers
- Monsef's Ferric Substrate Solutions
- Lugol's Solution
- Trichloroacetic Acid/KOH
- Castellami Paint
- Unused Formalin/Cytology specimen container without tissue
- Refrangent packs used in lab or pharmacy for cold chain shipments
- Bulk chemo therapy agents except Arsenic Trioxide – contact EH&S/Safety Ops for instructions
- P-listed Waste – only if approved by EH&S/Safety Ops

Un-empty Containers or Expired/Unused Products used for cleaning/disinfecting or wound care

- Phenol (liquid, unused/expired swabs)
- Iodine (e.g., swabs or liquid)
- Benzoin tincture
- Chloro-prep sponges/Povidone Iodine pad
- Alcohol wipes (hand towels, injection site prep pads)
- Sani-Wipe, Bleach Canister Containers – expired or with residual liquid

Products containing greater than 24% alcohol, such as:

- Hand Sanitizing Gels
- Alcohol
- Ammonium Inhalant
- Creams/Gels (e.g. hydroquinone, estrogel, divigel, Anebsol)
- Mouthwash
- Cough/Allergy Syrups
- Ear Dry

Products with toxic concentrations of ingredients, such as:

- Antibiotic Eyedrops (thimerosal)
- Antibiotic Nasal spray (thimerosal)
- Multi-dose Flu Vaccines vials (thimerosal)
- Chromium (vitamins)
- Lindane
- Insulin - all brands (M-Cresol)
- Selenium Shampoos
- Creams/Pastes with Silver
- Silver treated wound dressings (e.g. Acticoat, Aquacel)
- Phenol containing medication-throat sprays (e.g. Chloraseptic or GNP)
- Cepastat lozenges



“Silver Containing Products Waste” Labeled Black Container

- Silver nitrate sticks, expired or used



“Aerosol Waste” Labeled Black Container

Unused or partially used

- Foam hand Sanitizer
- Gebauers Spray
- Granulex Spray
- Humicane Spray
- Metered dose inhalers
- Small compressed air or gas cylinders



“P_listed hazardous Waste” Labeled Black Container

- Nicotine and wrapper
- Warfarin tablets and empty bottles
- Aminopyridine tablets and empty bottles
- Physostigmine Eye drops and empty bottle



“Dual Waste” Labeled Black Container

- Single use devices/items that are contaminated with blood/bloody fluids that are OPIM and contain a non removable battery (e.g., speculum with a battery)

DO NOT PLACE ANY CHEMICALS OR PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IN THE REGULAR TRASH. IF YOU ARE UNSURE HOW TO DISPOSE OF IT CONTACT YOUR LOCAL EH&S PROFESSIONAL.

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Universal Bins

- Designated for batteries, lamps, cautery pens, headphones/sets
- Do not comingle
- Batteries must be taped on both ends



Universal Waste



- ➔ **Batteries – Place in bin marked “Universal Waste, Batteries”**
 - All types of batteries including AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, button cell/hearing aid, rechargeable, lead acid
- ➔ **Electronic Equipment - Place in bin marked “Universal Waste, Electronic Equipment”**
 - Equipment that is plug in, battery powered, mercury-containing equipment, or anything with an ON/OFF switch
 - Headphones, electric staplers,, tabletop lamps, clocks, power strips, printers, televisions, microwaves, motors, ballasts, circuit control boards, DVD players
 - Devices that contain batteries such as pumps, cautery pens, speculums, calculators, glucose monitors, flash/ pen lights.
 - IT products go back to IT for disposal (e.g., items with an EIN, asset tag or bar code).

DO NOT PLACE ANY UNIVERSAL WASTE IN THE REGULAR TRASH