

Medication Waste Handling Procedure

What is **acceptable** Medication Waste?

Acceptable

- ✓ Ointment Pots
- ✓ Topical Creams
- ✓ Pills & Capsules
- ✓ Medical Patches
- ✓ Eye Drops
- ✓ Empty Inhalers
- ✓ Nasal Sprays
- ✓ Oral Liquids
- ✓ IV or Injectable Medications
- ✓ Full or Partially Full Bottles or Vials (*Pail Only*)
- ✓ Full or Partially Full Blister Packs

Not Acceptable

- ✗ Empty Pill Bottles or Vials
- ✗ PPE (Gloves, Gowns, Masks)
- ✗ Garbage, Recycling and Packaging
- ✗ Needles, Syringes and Injection Pens
- ✗ Electronics and Batteries
- ✗ Band-aids and Tissues
- ✗ Empty Blister Packs
- ✗ Aerosols
- ✗ Cytotoxic Medication



Collection Containers, Overpacking for Transport, Labelling & Storage

Primary Collection Containers must be a lined cardboard box or a white pharmaceutical pail. Examples shown.

- 1 Tie bag securely and place in pail or box. Tape box flaps closed and affix Rx label. Pail should be permanently closed.
- 2 Place waste sticker and barcode labels on the side of the box or pail.
- 3 Store in a secure & controlled area.
(Store at room temperature - refrigeration not required)