

BIOMEDICAL WASTE STREAM MANAGEMENT

Disclaimer: This is a GUIDE ONLY and is intended to provide general information. Users of this guide are strongly encouraged to check applicable local regulations.

<div><div><div>BLOOD WASTE</div><div></div><div>Grey container or yellow pail/bag</div></div><div><p>Liquid blood, items saturated with blood, fluids visibly containing blood, or microbiology lab waste.</p><div>EXAMPLES</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Blood tubing & bagsPleuravacs or hemovacsDisposable items that are saturated with blood (dripping)Used suction canistersMicrobiology specimens, cultures, and vaccines, and disposable lab supplies that have come into contact with them (pipette tips, swabs, etc.)<div>NOT ALLOWED</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Feces, urine, sputum, vomit UNLESS there is visible bloodItems that are bloody but not saturated with bloodPackaging or trash</div></div>	<div><div><div>ANATOMICAL WASTE</div><div></div><div>Red pail or cardboard box with red liner</div></div><div><p>All human and animal tissues, organs, and body parts, excluding hair, nails, and teeth.</p><div>EXAMPLES</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Biopsy materialPathology samplesAmputations<div>NOT ALLOWED</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Packaging and trashCytotoxic waste</div></div>	<div><div><div>SHARPS WASTE</div><div></div><div>Yellow sharps container</div></div><div><p>Items capable of causing punctures or cuts.</p><div>EXAMPLES</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Empty needles and syringesEmpty vialsEmpty ampoulesScalpel bladesTrocarsScissorsDisposable instrumentsSuture setsOther sharp objects<div>NOT ALLOWED</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">MedicationsPackaging or trash</div></div>	<div><div><div>CYTOTOXIC WASTE</div><div></div><div>Red sharps container, red pail, or cardboard box with red liner</div></div><div><p>CYTOTOXIC SHARPS WASTE Disposed into red sharps container.</p><p>Sharps contaminated with cytotoxic medication.</p><div>EXAMPLES</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Needles and syringesCytotoxic medication vials and ampoules<div><p>NON-SHARP CYTOTOXIC WASTE Disposed into red pail or red bag.</p><p>Non-sharp items that have come into contact with cytotoxic medication.</p><div>EXAMPLES</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">IV bags and tubingPPE</div><div>NOT ALLOWED</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Anatomical wastePharmaceutical waste</div></div>	<div><div><div>PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE</div><div></div><div>Ivory sharps container with blue lid, white Rx pail, or a cardboard box with a red liner</div></div><div><p>RX SHARPS WASTE Disposed into white sharps container with blue lid.</p><p>Sharps containing medication.</p><div>EXAMPLES</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Ampoules or vials containing medicationSyringes with residual medications<div><p>NON-SHARP RX WASTE Disposed into white Rx pail or cardboard box with red liner.</p><p>Expired or unused medication.</p><div>EXAMPLES</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">IV bags with residual medicationsPillsPatchesOintmentsOral liquids</div><div>NOT ALLOWED</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Cytotoxic medicationPackaging or trash</div></div>	<div><div><div>CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES</div><div></div><div>Secure a Drug or Rx Destroyer container</div></div><div><p>Medications classified as controlled substances by Health Canada (narcotics, opioids, etc.)</p><p>Remove medication from all packaging prior to disposing into SaD/RxD. Liquid medications must be drawn up and squirted into the container. Empty vials/ampoules/syringes then go into sharps container. Pill bottles, blister packs, etc. go into the garbage (remove patient identifiers first).</p><div>EXAMPLES</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Pills containing controlled substancesPatches containing controlled substancesLiquid controlled substances (oral or IV/injectable)<div>NOT ALLOWED</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Uncontrolled medicationsEffervescent medicationsMedication packaging</div></div>	<div><div><div>REGULAR WASTE</div><div></div><div>Garbage bin</div></div><div><p>Waste that requires no further treatment before disposal to landfill.</p><div>EXAMPLES</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Food packagingChux/underpads and disposable patient itemsGlovesWrappersMasksBriefsCatheter bagsSaline IV bagsEmpty IV bags<div>NOT ALLOWED</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Biomedical waste of any type</div></div>	<div><div><div>RECYCLABLE WASTE</div><div></div><div>Recycling bin</div></div><div><p>Paper, plastic, and metal items to be recycled.</p><div>EXAMPLES</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Non-confidential paperPlastic medicine cupsPlastic bottlesCans<div>NOT ALLOWED</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Biomedical waste of any type</div></div>
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DEFINITIONS

*Empty: As much waste as possible has been removed from the container, no more than 3% by weight of the total capacity of the container remains.