

Proper Medical Waste Disposal



ORDINARY WASTE

SHARPS WASTE

BIOHAZARD "RMW" WASTE

PATHOLOGICAL WASTE

TRACE CHEMOTHERAPY WASTE

PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE

RCRA HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Trash/wrappers
- Dressings
- Chux/underpads
- Empty foley bags and other drainage bags
- Disposable patient items
- Sanitary napkins and gloves

"a device that has acute rigid corners, edges, or protuberances capable of cutting or piercing, including, but not limited to hypodermic needles, hypodermic needles with syringes, blades, needles with attached tubing, acupuncture needles, root canal files, broken glass items used in health care such as pasteur pipettes and blood vials contaminated with biohazardous waste"

- Sharp Surgical Instruments
- Syringes with Needles
- Glass Instruments
- Needles
- Scalpels
- Scissors

"Waste that, at the point of transport from the generator's site or at the point of disposal contains recognizable fluid human blood, fluid human blood products, containers or equipment containing human blood that is fluid"

Any material contaminated with biohazardous material or bodily fluids that does not pose a puncture or injury hazard including:

- IV's Containing Blood
- Protective Gowns
- Bandages
- Clothing
- Bedding
- Gauze
- Empty IV bags & tubing
- Empty medication vials or containers

"Human body parts, with the exception of teeth, removed at surgery and surgery specimens or tissues removed at surgery or autopsy that are suspected by the health care professional of being contaminated with infectious agents known to be contagious to humans or having been fixed in formaldehyde or another fixative"

Any human body part or bulk human body fluid including:

- Vessels Containing Bulk Bodily Fluids
- Vials Containing Blood or Bodily Fluids
- Surgical Specimens
- Lab Specimens

"waste that is contaminated through contact with, or having previously contained, chemotherapeutic agents, including, but not limited to, gloves, disposable gowns, towels, and intravenous solution bags and attached tubing that are empty"

Any objects/material possibly contaminated with chemotherapy agents including:

- Personal Protective Equipment Worn When Administering Chemotherapy Agents
- Medication Packaging
- Empty Syringes
- Empty IV Bags
- Empty Vials

"prescription or over-the-counter human or veterinary drug, including, but not limited to, a drug as defined in Section 109925 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended"

All used or expired pharmaceuticals including:

- Containers with Medication
- Prescription Ointments and Creams
- IV Bags with Medication
- Loose Pills

"Pharmaceutical waste with characteristics falling under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended (42 U.S.C.A. Sec. 6901 et seq.)."

Any pharmaceutical exhibiting hazardous characteristics including:

- Chemotherapy containers with visible liquid
- Alcohol Containing Solutions
- Insulin Containing M-Cresol
- Silver Nitrate Applicators
- Warfarin and Coumadin
- Inhalant Aerosols
- Barium Sulfate
- Nicotine
- Lantus Vial and Pen
- Levemir Vial and Pen
- Novolin
- Novolog
- ProAir Respiclick
- Symbicort
- Ethyl Chloride
- ProAir HFA-Albuterol

For Areas with NO BLACK BOXES
Please return to Pharmacy

BULK
Return all unused chemo to pharmacy in original bag for disposal



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SERVICES
Medical Waste Disposal

California State Certified Medical Waste Treatment Facility