

Non-Haz Pharmaceutical

Un-administered or unused medications and containers (IV Bags, Vials, Syringes, etc) with un-administered or unused medications that are not listed as RCRA or NIOSH hazardous or are a chemotherapy agent, are considered non hazardous pharmaceutical waste.



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Waste resulting from Diagnosis and Treatment



▶ Pharmacies disposing of expired or partially used medications



▶ Pharmaceutical Manufacturing



▶ Patient Care facilities including hospitals, nursing homes and surgical centers



▶ Sealed RX Destroyer containers providing they contain no hazardous controlled substances.

** Controlled substances require witness documented destruction.*

Carriers of residual medications



▶ Partially emptied glass vials



▶ Over-the-counter prescription hard capsule or tablet medication



▶ Broken Ampoules



▶ Syringes



▶ IV bags that contain medication (Un-administered/unused). Hydrating and nutritional fluids are drained to sewer



▶ Carpujects and Tubexes

NON-HAZ vs HAZ PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE



NON-HAZ | Includes all pharmaceuticals that are not a listed or characteristic RCRA waste, not a NIOSH hazardous drug, and not an investigative chemotherapy agent. Labeled as "Incineration Only".



HAZ | RCRA pharmaceuticals and listed waste must be disposed of in a hazardous waste container. This includes nicotine inhalers and liquids, and physostigmine. Acute P-Listed wastes must be disposed of separate to general RCRA, and "incompatibles" may not be combined.

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* **Guidance only.** Each facility should check with their local and state regulations to verify specific policy and procedures