

CORRECT MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL



Available on MHA and Navigator Contracts



REGULAR WASTE

Clear or Black Bags



BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE

Red Bags, Red Containers, or Bags/Containers with Biohazard Symbols



PATHOLOGY WASTE

Red Bags, Red Containers, or Bags/Containers with Biohazard Symbols



SHARPS WASTE

Sharps Collectors; Ivory or Red. Marked with Biohazard Symbol



CHEMOTHERAPY WASTE (TRACE)

Yellow Collectors or bags



PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE

Purple and Ivory Collectors



HARZARDOUS PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE

Return to Pharmacy; Black Containers

Includes:

- ▶ IV bags and tubing
- ▶ Empty medication vials or containers
- ▶ Trash/wrappers
- ▶ Dressings
- ▶ Chux/underpads
- ▶ Empty foley bags and other drainage bags
- ▶ Disposable patient items
- ▶ Sanitary napkins
- ▶ Gloves

Includes:

- ▶ Blood and all OPIM (Other Potentially Infectious Materials)
- ▶ Blood tubing/ bags/ hemovac/pleuravacs
- ▶ Soaked/dripping bloody dressings
- ▶ Intact glass or plastic bottles with body fluids
- ▶ All disposables soaked or dripping with blood or OPIM
- ▶ Contaminated waste from isolation patients
- ▶ Suction canisters or liners with bloody fluid or OPIM

Includes:

- ▶ All biopsy material and all human tissues and anatomical parts, that emanate from surgical, obstetrical, autopsy and laboratory procedures
- ▶ Containers shall be labeled with the words "Pathology Waste" or "PATH" and the waste shall be segregated from other red bag waste
- ▶ Labeled as "Incineration Only"

Includes:

- ▶ All sharps (except those contaminated with chemo)
- ▶ **Examples:** Needles, broken glass vials, broken ampoules, blades, scalpels, razors, pins, clips, etc.
- ▶ All empty syringes with attached needles, empty tubexes, empty carpujects
- ▶ Trocars, introducers, guide wires, sharps from procedures, specimen devices in endoscopy, etc.

Includes:

- ▶ All supplies used to make and administer chemo medication
- ▶ **Example:** Tubing, empty bags/ bottles/vials, syringes, gloves, pads, masks, gowns, wipes, etc.
- ▶ Return all unused Chemo to Pharmacy in original bag for disposal
- ▶ Labeled as "Incineration Only"

Includes:

- ▶ All syringes, tubexes, carpujects with residual (pourable) medication
- ▶ IV bags and tubing with residual medication
- ▶ Partially used/ residual prescription or over-the-counter medication
- ▶ **Example:** Vials, tablets, capsules, powders, eyedrops, suppositories, etc.

Unopened/Unused or expired medications:
Return to Pharmacy

Includes:

- ▶ Hazardous R.C.R.A. Pharmaceuticals: Return to Pharmacy.
- ▶ **Example:** Inhalers with residual (if empty -regular trash), unused nicotine gum or patches, epinephrine (salts not included), physostigmine, silvadene, etc.