

# MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL & SEGREGATION GUIDE

CHECK STATE OR LOCAL GUIDELINES FOR SPECIFIC MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL REGULATIONS

## LANDFILL



### BAG WASTE - WHITE OR CLEAR

- IV bags and tubing
- Empty med vials
- Trash/wrappers
- Dressings, Chux
- Empty drainage bags
- Disposable items
- Sanitary napkins
- Batteries

## AUTOCLAVE / INCINERATION



### RED BAG WASTE - BIOHAZARD

- Infectious materials (OPIM)
- Blood tubing, bags, Hemovac®, Pleur-evac®
- Blood soaked or dripping dressings
- Contaminated waste from isolation patients
- Suction canisters and liners with bodily fluids



### SHARPS - BIOHAZARD

- Needles
- Glass slides, pipettes
- Scalpels
- Bloody broken glass
- Used sutures
- Empty syringes
- Trocars, introducers, catheters, electrocautery tips

## LOW-TEMP INCINERATION



### TRACE CHEMO - BIOHAZARD

- Trace chemo waste of no more than 3% weight of original components
- All supplies used to make and administer chemotherapy medication including sharps
- Tubing, empty bags/bottles/vials, syringes, needles, gloves, pads, masks, gowns, wipes



### PHARMA - NON-HAZARDOUS

- NO SHARPS
- Residual (pourable) meds
- Discontinued IV bags/tubing
- Partially-used prescription or OTC medication
- Vials, tablets, capsules, powders, contained liquids, creams, lotions, eye drops, residual or wasted narcotics, unused narcotic patches

## HIGH-TEMP INCINERATION



### PHARMA - HAZARDOUS

- NO SHARPS
- Hazardous chemicals as defined by Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) for P and U-listed chemicals
- Check the EPA website for current listing of P and U-listed hazardous waste

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