

MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL & SEGREGATION GUIDE

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NON-HAZARDOUS LANDFILL

AUTOCLAVE/INCINERATE

NON-HAZARDOUS BAG WASTE

BIOHAZARDOUS BAG WASTE

BIOHAZARDOUS (SHARPS)

IV bags and tubing empty med
Vials trash/wrappers
Dressings chux
Empty drainage bags
Disposable items
Sanitary napkins
Batteries

Infectious materials (OPIM)
Blood tubing, bags,
hemovacs, pleurevacs
Blood soaked or dripping dressings
Contaminated waste
from isolation patients
Suction canisters and
liners with bodily fluids

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

WHITE OR CLEAR BAGS

RED BAG WITH
BIOHAZARD SYMBOL

CONTAINER WITH
BIOHAZARD SYMBOL



LOW TEMP INCINERATION

HIGH TEMP INCINERATION

CHEMOTHERAPY (TRACE)

NON-HAZARDOUS PHARMACEUTICAL

HAZARDOUS PHARMACEUTICAL

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

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

NO SHARPS
RCRA Hazardous P and
U-listed chemicals
Examples: Inhalers, nitroglycerin
tablets, unused acetone, bulk
chemotherapy waste

CYTOTOXIC &
BIOHAZARD SYMBOLS

NON-HAZARDOUS
PHARMACEUTICAL LABEL

HAZARDOUS WASTE
PHARMACEUTICAL LABEL

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