

Waste Management – Patient Care Areas*

PHI/Confidential Documents



- Anything that identifies an individual or is created/used with business operations
- Documents with PHI
- Empty pill bottles with patient name
- EKG tape
- Internal financial reports, documents marked "Confidential"

Recyclable Materials



Collected and processed into new products

- Paper
- Cardboard
- Aluminum
- Glass
- Plastic

Solid Waste/Trash



Materials without PHI, medical waste, or hazardous waste, AND has no use or reuse

- Disposable patient items with no recognizable fluid blood
- Empty vials of normal saline
- Diapers

Biohazardous/Red Bag Waste



- Disposable items with recognizable fluid blood and/or otherwise potentially infectious body fluids
- Gauze with fluid blood
- Blood transfusion bags and/or tubing
- Specimen bags or any item labeled with a "Biohazard" symbol ...even if empty!

Place in a container labeled with a Biohazard symbol AND lined with a Red Bag with a Biohazard symbol

Sharps Waste



- Items capable of puncturing or cutting the skin and that are contaminated with blood or potentially infectious body fluids
- Needles, syringes with or without needles attached, scalpel blades, guide wires, blood vials

Place in a red or clear Sharps container labeled with the word "Sharps" AND a Biohazard symbol

Suction Canisters



Blood or body fluid waste that is contained inside of flexible or rigid walled containers

Place flexible walled suction canisters without a solidifier into a Biohazard/Red Bag Waste container

Place rigid walled or flexible walled suction canisters with solidifier canisters in a Pathology Waste "Incinerate Only" container

Pathology Waste



Human specimens or tissues removed from a minor procedure, surgery, or autopsy

- Skin tags, bone fragments, tissue, fat, surgery specimens or tissues, limbs, other organs, placentas

Place in a container labeled with the words "Path" or "Pathology Waste," "Incinerate Only," AND a Biohazard symbol

Pharmaceutical Waste (non RCRA)



- All non-hazardous waste pharmaceuticals, prescription or OTC
- Partial vials and IV bags containing medications
- Live and attenuated vaccine without preservative
- Personal care products, soaps, shampoos, toothpaste

Place in a blue or blue-lidded container labeled with the words "Pharm" or "Pharmaceutical Waste," AND "Incinerate Only"

Mixed Sharps and Pharmaceutical Waste



Anything that is a sharps or pharmaceutical waste

Place in a blue or blue lidded container labeled with the words "Pharm" or "Pharmaceutical Waste," "Incinerate Only," AND a Biohazard symbol

Trace Chemotherapy





All materials that are contaminated with chemo agents from the production or administration. Must not have free flowing liquids that will readily pour out

Place into a yellow container labeled "Chemo" or "Chemotherapy Waste," "Incinerate Only," AND a Biohazard symbol

See EH&S Department for arsenic trioxide waste

* For any waste questions, contact your EH&S Department or Compliance Officer.

Waste Management – Hazardous Wastes*

Hazardous Waste – Patient Care Areas	Hazardous Waste – Non-Patient Care Areas	Universal Waste	
<p>Wastes that are known to pose a risk to the environment when improperly disposed</p> <p>↑ Segregate into different Black Waste Containers as indicated below:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="462 1585 592 2005">  <p>“RCRA Pharmaceutical Waste Product” Labeled Black Container</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Procedure site marking pens/skin dyes ▪ Insulin ▪ Flu vaccines with preservative ▪ Warfarin ▪ Nicotine patches ▪ Bulk chemo therapy agents (except Arsenic Trioxide – contact EH&S for instructions) </div> <div data-bbox="462 1155 592 1564">  <p>“Silver Containing Products Waste” Labeled Black Container</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Silver nitrate sticks, expired or used ▪ Silver creams, tubes or containers, including empty containers ▪ Silver impregnated bandages or gauze </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div data-bbox="787 1449 917 1564">  <p>“Aerosol Waste” Labeled Black Container</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expired or unused <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disinfectant swabs • Benzoin tincture • Chloro-prep sponges • Alcohol wipes (hand towels, injection site prep pads) • Hand gels • Sani-Wipes ▪ All unused or partially used cans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gebauer's spray • Metered dose inhalers </div> </div>	<p>Wastes that are known to pose a risk to the environment when improperly disposed</p> <p>↑ Segregate into different Black Waste Containers as indicated below:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="462 976 592 1102">  <p>“Aerosol Waste” Labeled Black Container</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All unused or partially used cans ▪ Spray paint ▪ Compressed air or gases ▪ Lubricants ▪ Smoke detector test spray </div> <div data-bbox="787 976 917 1102">  <p>“Flammable Waste” Labeled Black Container</p> <p>Any flammable material intended to be disposed including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Solvents and degreasers, unused, partially used, or used ▪ Oil based paints, stains, varnishes, unused or partially used ▪ Hand gels, expired or unused </div> </div> <div data-bbox="1193 976 1323 1102">  <p>Surface Cleaning Chemicals and Disinfectant Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concentrated solutions, unused or partially used ▪ Containers of cleaning solutions, unused or partially used </div>	<p>A subset of hazardous waste with less stringent management requirements</p> <p>↑ Place in bin marked “Universal Waste”</p> <p>Batteries All types of batteries including AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, button cell/hearing aid, rechargeable, lead acid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Devices that contain batteries such as pumps, cautery pens, speculums, calculators, glucose monitors, flash/pen lights <p>Electronic Equipment Equipment, or pieces of equipment, including plug in, battery powered, mercury-containing equipment, or anything with an ON/OFF switch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electric staplers, phones, tabletop lamps, clocks, power strips, printers, televisions, microwaves, motors, ballasts, circuit control boards, DVD players <p>Lamps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lamps, light bulbs, light ballasts 	<p>DO NOT PLACE ANY UNIVERSAL WASTE IN THE REGULAR TRASH</p>

DO NOT PLACE ANY CHEMICALS OR PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IN THE REGULAR TRASH. IF YOU ARE UNSURE HOW TO DISPOSE OF IT CONTACT YOUR LOCAL EH&S PROFESSIONAL.

NAME:
PHONE:

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