



Sharps Disposal



Red Containers Cytotoxic Waste

- Cytotoxic medications/products and all items (including sharps) used in the preparation and administration of the hazardous product.

Refer to WRHA Policy # 110.160.010 Safe Handling of Hazardous Medications (Cytotoxic and Non-Cytotoxic)

- PPE contaminated with Cytotoxic medications/products or blood/body fluids/excreta of patients on Cytotoxic Precautions
- Items used in the care of patients on Cytotoxic Precautions (e.g. diapers, dressings, urinary catheters and bags)



Blue/White Containers Pharmaceutical Waste

Clean needles and sharps that are used in preparation of medication.

Medications (including Narcotic and Controlled Drugs) which have been partially used, are not intact, or have been opened or compromised in any way. Examples:

- Opened or partial tablets and capsules, partially used liquids-bottles or syringes
- Opened or used medication patches, ointments, creams, and eye/ear preparations
- IV bags and syringes containing medications
- Used injectables e.g. vials and ampoules
- Unused self medications
- Non-cytotoxic hazardous medications
- *Patients' own medications when consent for destruction from patient has been obtained
- *LOA (pass) medications when not used upon return to hospital

NARCOTICS AND CONTROLLED DRUGS:

- All narcotic and controlled drug waste must be witnessed and co-signed
- Narcotic or controlled drug waste resulting from a partially used ampoule, vial, bag or syringe shall be emptied and expelled into the blue and white container, thus rendering the narcotic or controlled drug un-usable or un-recoverable.
- Partial or whole tablets must be crushed or otherwise rendered unserviceable, and capsules separated.
- Narcotic Transdermal patches, once removed from a patient, shall be folded in half.



Yellow Containers Biomedical/ Biohazardous Waste

- Glass wares and all other sharps exposed to patient or biomedical/biohazardous products

- Safety engineered devices (cannulas, blunt needles)
- Needles, lancets and scalpel blades
- Guide wires
- **DO NOT DISCARD MEDICATIONS IN THIS CONTAINER**



Battery Recycling



- Place used batteries in the battery recycling box in your unit.
- Put cell-phone batteries in the plastic pouch.
- *To arrange pick-up of full battery recycling box or to order a new box please contact:

General Waste Container

The following healthcare waste can be discarded into the regular garbage:

- soiled dressings
- sponges
- surgery drapes
- lavage tubes
- dialysis wastes such as tubing, filters, towels, and disposable sheets
- IV bags and tubing
- diapers
- disposable pads
- soiled feminine hygiene products
- disposable gloves
- urinary catheters
- casts
- empty syringes NO needles
- items containing minimal fluid, e.g. chest tubes, trach tubes, Jackson-Pratt® drains, wound drains, emptied Hemovac® containers, nasogastric tubes and used blood tubing

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Biomedical and Compressed Gas Waste Disposal

Yellow Bag/Box

Biomedical/ Biohazardous Waste



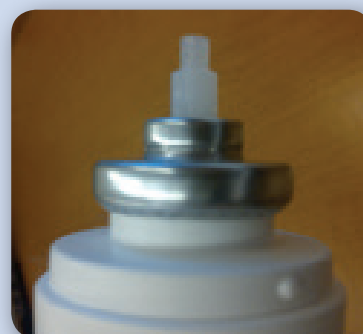
- Used drainage tubes
- Chest drainage collection devices (e.g. Pleur-evac®) containing blood and bodily fluids
- Disposable items saturated or dripping with blood (e.g. saturated post-op dressing)
- Disposable suction canister liner containing blood and bodily fluids with and without gel pack
- **DO NOT DISCARD SHARPS IN THIS BAG/BOX**

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Aerosol/Compressed Gas Containers

- Pressurized containers and aerosols with this mounting cup



- Used inhalers, Nitrospray, Lidocaine spray, nasal sprays: Ipratropium, Betamethasone, and Fluticasone and Miconazole spray
- *To arrange pick-up of full container or to order a replacement, please contact:
