

Rx WASTE DISPOSAL QUICK REFERENCE

Sharps

- **ALL EMPTY** syringes with or without needles – including those used for NG tubes/feedings and ORAL syringes
- **EMPTY** syringes with or without needles and vials that previously contained **controlled substances**
- Needles, ampules

“NO MEDS IN THE RED”



Hazardous Medications & Partial in a Syringe WITH or WITHOUT a Needle

- Syringes **with or without** a needle **containing any amount of NON-controlled medication** - including those used for NG tubes/feedings and ORAL syringes
- Insulin (pens, syringes, vials)
- Contrast, Kcentra
- Digoxin inj./solution, amiodarone, levothyroxine, armour thyroid, betadine, silver sulfadiazine, Neo-Synephrine, Cepastat, Chloraseptic spray, cyclosporine, multi-vitamins
- Liquid iron products, alcohol containing products (many liquid forms contain alcohol)
- Coumadin (tablet only – packaging may go in the trash)
- Unused Nicotine gum/patch (packaging may go in the trash)

Dispose of Partial Waste in Black Pharmaceutical Container



Non-Hazardous Medications & Partial

- ****No syringes of any kind – with or without a needle - can go in this container****
- Any leftover/unused pharmaceutical **without a message** (partial vials, caps, tabs, solutions, ointments, drops, etc.)
- Partial IVPBs/IVs with additional medication added
- Insulin Drips, TPN – including those with insulin, Oxytocin, Heparin

No special disposal messaging on the product or during Omnicell removal



Incompatible/Aerosol Medications

- Aerosol Inhalers/Canisters (Ventolin, QVAR), Dermoplast, Americaine, Hurracaine, Cetacaine, Pain Ease
- **Unused** Silver Nitrate Sticks

Bag & Return to Pharmacy



All Controlled Substances (CII, CIII, CIV, CV) and PROPOFOL

DAVENPORT & SILVIS ONLY: Liquids, Injectables, Patches, Tabs and Caps in designated slots (Do not attempt to place physical syringes, needles, ampules, vials, or bottles in this container)

ALEDO & DEWITT: Liquids, Injectables, Patches, Tabs and Caps in designated slots (Do not attempt to place physical syringes, needles, ampules, vials, or bottles in this container)

Waste To CsRx



Waste To Cactus



****Controlled substances in vials, oral syringes, or injectable syringes should be wasted into the appropriate receptacle as described above and the empty vial or syringe with or without a needle should be placed in a red sharps container.****

Plain IV Fluids

- Normal Saline, Dextrose, Lactated Ringers, Potassium, Magnesium, Calcium, Sodium Bicarbonate
- Plain fluids with no additional medication instilled

“Plain Down the Drain”



Empty Items

- Fully infused IV bags/Empty IVPBs, tubing, empty vials, medication cups, packaging, uncontaminated gloves, pads, and gowns

Regular Trash



Bulk & Trace Chemotherapy Waste

- **BULK:** All leftover unused Chemo, IV bags, tubing, non-empty vials, any material used to clean up chemo spills, chemo hood filters
- **TRACE:** Empty Chemo vials, empty syringes/sharps, PPE



Bulk



Trace