

# Pharmaceutical Waste Stream Management

*Labeled or Identified as Hazardous / Incompatible Rx*

Items **NOT** to be  
Collected in the  
Containers

**Non-Hazardous  
Rx Waste**

No Messaging

**Hazardous Rx Waste**

**"Dispose in Black  
Container"**

**Incompatible Rx  
Waste**

**"For Disposal Return  
to Pharmacy"**

**Bulk & Trace Chemotherapy Rx Waste**

**Plain Maintenance  
Solutions such as:**

- Potassium chloride
- Magnesium Sulfate
- Saline
- Dextrose
- Lactated Ringers
- Sodium bicarbonate

• **Controlled  
Substances**

**Follow Current  
Hospital Policy for  
Proper Disposal of  
these Items**

**Leftover medication  
such as:**

- Antibiotics
- Lidocaine
- Marcaine
- Heparin



**Place into BLUE  
CONTAINER**

**Leftover medication  
such as:**

- Insulin
- Some Multivitamins
- Trace elements
- Coumadin and Packaging
- Nicotine and Packaging



**Place into BLACK  
CONTAINER**

**Leftover medication  
such as:**

**Aerosols**

- Inhalers with canister
- Dermoplast
- Oxidizers** (Examples)
- Unused Silver Nitrate
- Other** (Examples)
- Botox

**\*Place in a clear zip  
lock bag\***



**Place into a BAGGIE  
and RETURN TO  
PHARMACY**

**Chemotherapy Rx  
and containers that  
are NOT empty**

- Chemo Agents
- IVs with Residual Chemo Agents
- Chemo Spill Cleanup Debris
- Vials with Residual Chemo Agents
- Tablets, caps etc.

**Place into BLACK  
CONTAINER**

**Chemotherapy Rx  
and containers that  
ARE empty**

- Empty Syringes
- Gowns with chemo small amount of contamination
- Gloves
- Goggles
- Wipes
- Empty IVs / Tubing
- Vials

**Place into YELLOW  
CONTAINER**

**SHARPS**

- Needles
- Empty syringes (
- Empty controlled substance containers

**REGULAR TRASH**

- Empty Packaging, Empty Wrappers, Empty IV's.
- Regular Trash
- Shipping packaging



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