

Pharmaceutical Waste Handling Guide

Handle pharmaceutical waste properly to avoid compliance mistakes and fines.



Trace Chemotherapy

Syringes, Needles (in proper con- tainers) & Tubing	Gowns
RCRA Empty	Gloves
IV Bags	Aprons
	Masks



Hazardous Pharmaceutical

P-listed drugs & their packaging	Characteristic waste
U-listed drugs & their packaging	Half/partial doses
Hazardous medications	Bulk chemo



Non-hazardous Pharmaceutical

OTC Pills	Injectables
Antibiotics	Syringes without sharps
Vials	
Creams	

YES!

- Segregate pharmaceutical waste into appropriate, approved containers.
- Pharmaceutical waste must be incinerated using the correct incineration method.
- You must have a paper trail for your pharmaceutical waste; it's the law!

NO!

- Do not place pharmaceutical waste in sharps containers.
- Do not place loose pills in hazardous waste containers.
- Do not mix hazardous and non-hazardous pharmaceutical waste.