

Quick Reference Disposal Guide

Empty Sharps/Infectious Waste

EMPTY needles, syringes, ampules, semi-liquid blood or potentially infectious materials; contaminated items that would release blood or other potentially infectious materials.



Non-RCRA Medications

This includes partial medication leftover in a vial, IV bag and pills, in addition to gels & creams,



RCRA Hazardous Medications

Examples Include Bulk Chemo, Insulin, Neo-Synephrine, Multivitamins



Incompatible Medications

Place medication in clear bag and return to pharmacy. Ex. Aerosol inhalers, dermoplast, unused silver nitrate.



Controlled Substance Medication Waste

All DEA schedules II-V controlled substance waste must be captured in the CsRx® container without packaging. Follow existing witness waste protocols.



Plain IVs

This includes plain saline, dextrose, lactated ringers, magnesium sulfate and electrolytes.



Empty Items

Empty or trace vials, IV bags and other containers that contained pharmaceutical waste.



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Regulated waste definitions vary by state. Check with local state regulations for further definitions and requirements.