

Medication Waste Handling Procedure



What is **acceptable** Medication Waste?

Acceptable

- ✓ Ointment Pots
- ✓ Tubes
- ✓ Pills & Capsules
- ✓ Medical Patches
- ✓ Eye Drops
- ✓ Empty Inhalers
- ✓ Nasal Sprays
- ✓ Oral Liquids
- ✓ Liquid Medications
- ✓ Full or Partially Full Bottles or Vials
- ✓ Full or Partially Full Blister Packs

Not Acceptable

- ✗ Empty Pill Bottles or Vials
- ✗ PPE (Gloves, Gowns, Masks)
- ✗ Garbage, Recycling and Packaging
- ✗ Needles, Syringes and Injection Pens
- ✗ Electronics and Batteries
- ✗ Band-aids and Tissues
- ✗ Empty Blister Packs
- ✗ Aerosols
- ✗ Methadone bottles
- ✗ Any waste from LTC facilities, physicians or other commercial enterprises



Collection Containers, Overpacking for Transport, Labelling & Storage

Primary Collection Containers must be a lined cardboard box or a white pharmaceutical pail. Examples to the left.

- 1 Tie bag securely and place in cardboard box. Tape box flaps closed and affix Rx label. Pail should be permanently closed.
- 2 Place label on the side of the bag or pail
- 3 Store in a secure & controlled area of pharmacy.
(Store at room temperature - refrigeration not required)

NOTE: Boxes that are primarily cytotoxic waste must be labelled as such. Cytotoxic waste, other than medications is NOT permitted. Only residential patient waste accepted. Do not include waste from LTC or other healthcare providers.

