

Sharps Waste Handling Procedure



What is **acceptable** Sharps Waste?

Acceptable

- ✓ Used Needles
- ✓ Used Syringes
- ✓ Used Lancets or Fingerstick Devices
- ✓ Used Pen Needles
- ✓ Used single dose auto injectors that contain a needle
- ✓ Used infusion sets - Connect Set Needles

Not Acceptable

- ✗ Medications & pill bottles
- ✗ PPE (Gloves, Gowns, Masks)
- ✗ Garbage, Recycling & Packaging
- ✗ Band aids, Tissues & Biomedical Waste
- ✗ Any waste from LTC facilities, Physicians or other commercial enterprises
- ✗ Pens without sharps or other retractable sharps
- ✗ Devices, like insulin pens with self-retracting needle
- ✗ Drum Lancets



Collection Containers, Overpacking for Transport, Labelling & Storage

Primary Collection Containers (pictured to the left) must be yellow, leak-proof, sealed and puncture resistant.

- 1 When overpacking for transport, place a sharps container in a lined, reusable container or cardboard box. Liner must be yellow and securely tied. Tape box flaps closed.
- 2 Store in a secure & controlled area of pharmacy.
(Refrigeration not required)

