

Waste Handling Procedures for Sharps

Acceptable Waste

- ✓ Needles
- ✓ Syringes
- ✓ Lancets/Fingerstick Devices
- ✓ Pen needles
- ✓ Single dose auto injectors that contain a needle
- ✓ Infusion sets/ connect set needles

Unacceptable Waste

- ✗ Medications/ pill bottles
- ✗ PPE (gloves, gowns, masks)
- ✗ Garbage/ Recycling/ Packaging
- ✗ Band aids/ Tissues
- ✗ 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

Primary Collection Containers

Must be yellow, sealed, leak-proof, puncture resistant and contain PANS program sticker



For Short Term Use



For Chronic Use

Overpack for Transport

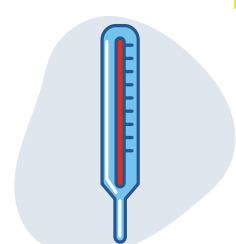
Place Sharps containers in a lined, reusable container or cardboard box. Liner must be yellow and securely tied. Tape box flaps closed



Labeling & Storage

Place Sharps labels on side, not top of container

Refrigeration not required



Store in a secure and controlled area of pharmacy.

