PACKAGING PROCEDURES
FOR MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL • Reusable Containers* and Corrugated Boxes

SET UP

CORRUGATED BOXES:
• Turn over and seal bottom flaps with tape
• Auto-locking boxes, engage bottom flaps

No set up required for Reusable Containers

STEP 1

LINE CONTAINER OR BOX WITH RED BAG**

STEP 2

TIE BAG WHEN BOX OR CONTAINER IS FULL

STEP 3

CORRUGATED BOXES:
• Seal top of box with tape
• Auto-locking boxes, engage top flaps

REUSABLE CONTAINERS:
• Secure lid on container
• Ensure all closure and/or locking mechanisms are engaged

STEP 4

CHECK MARKINGS
• Federal markings (see picture above)
• Additional state and local regulations may apply
• Apply bar code label where available

UNACCEPTABLE

All containers pictured here have a maximum weight limit of 50 pounds.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL
• Generators are responsible for packaging their wastes.
• Each bag must be hand tied by gathering and twisting the neck of the bag and using a tie or hand knot to secure the bag, and each container must be securely closed.
• Closed bags must not be visible once secondary container is closed.
• Improperly packaged containers or damaged containers will be denied pick-up or returned to the generator.
• Only Regulated Medical Waste can be placed in Stericycle containers.

SHARPS
• Sharp materials ("sharps") must be placed in a puncture-resistant container designed for "sharps" waste. "Sharps" include needles, syringes, broken glass, scalpels, culture slides, culture dishes, broken capillary tubes, broken rigid plastic and exposed ends of dental wires.
• All sharps containers should be properly closed before being placed into secondary containers.
• No loose sharps are permitted outside of sharps containers.

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