

Managing Medical, Pharmaceutical & Hazardous Waste

Destroy or conceal (e.g. black out labels) all Protected Health Information (PHI) before placing containers/bags in waste bin.

Collection in UCSF Health Facilities: HOSPITALITY SERVICES (24 hours/7 days)

Red Biohazardous Sharps  MUST be labeled with a biohazard label on all visible sides. - Empty Glass vials - Empty Ampules - Empty Syringes (including plastic needleless syringes) - Needles - Razors - Scalpels - Lancets - Capillary tubes - Slides - IV bags, tubing, and syringes containing blood	Blue Non and Low Hazardous Pharmaceutical Waste  MUST be labeled with the words “Incineration Only” on the top and all sides of the container. Pharmaceutical Waste that is: - Non-returnable - Non-controlled - Not listed as “High Hazardous” Including: - Syringes with and without needles - IV bags - Vials - Tablets & Pills	Yellow Trace Hazardous  MUST be labeled with the words “Chemo” or “Chemotherapy Waste” on the top and all sides of the container. Contaminated items generated during use of drugs requiring high-level precautions including: - Gowns, gloves, masks - Empty IV bags/bottles - Empty syringes with and without needles - Empty drug vials - IV tubing - Zip lock bags - Empty packaging - Soiled diapers and disposable pads.	CsRx Controlled Substances  Non-returnable controlled substances. Witness required to waste controlled substances: - Syringes: Expel liquid into container and dispose empty syringe in red sharps container. - IV bags: cut directly into container. Dispose bag into pharmaceutical waste container. - Tablets and pills: discard into container - Patches: Discard through slot
All Service Requests For UCSF Health Buildings: Requests can be submitted via the MCSS Help Desk (ServiceNow) or call (415) 514-3570 or HELP-0 For Campus, Leased Space, and Off-Site Locations: Refer to site-specific guidelines.			

Red Bag Biohazardous Waste



MUST be labeled with a biohazard label on the top and all visible sides of the container.

- Items saturated with blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM) such as bandages, gauze, and .plastic tubing
- Items containing blood or blood products
- PPE visibly contaminated with blood or OPIM.
- Closed single-use sharps containers.
- All tissue waste must be discarded in a separate container labeled “Pathology Waste” or “PATH”

Collection: SAFETY OFFICE (Mon – Friday; 7 am- 4 pm)

All Containers require a hazardous label with the accumulation start date. Request disposal after 180 days in accumulation.

Black High Hazardous & Chemo Pharmaceutical Waste  Full or Partial Amounts: - Syringes with and without needles - I.V. bags Bulk Chemotherapy Drugs Other Drugs: - Alcohol Solutions - Erythromycin (topical) - Eye drops and Vaccines containing thimerosal - Insulin (pens, vials, etc.) - Permethrin: Nix® and Elimite - Selenium (Selsun Blue®) - Sevoflurane - Silver Sulfadiazine - Full and empty packaging of physostigmine and warfarin (Coumadin) Arsenic Trioxide - Discard full and empty, vials, syringes, IV bags and tubing.	Silver Nitrate Sticks 
Inhalers/Aerosols 	
Batteries 	

Questions?

Contact EH&S at waste@ucsf.edu or call 476-1300.

Request training and/or this laminated poster from the Safety Office through [MCSS Help Desk \(ServiceNow\)](#)