

WASTE MANAGEMENT STREAM

Riverside University Health System Medical Center



**Biohazardous
Waste**

- Blood tubing / bags
- Hemovacs, Pleurovacs
- **Soaked/Dripping** Bloody Dressings
- Intact Glass or plastic bottles with blood
- Suction canisters with blood All disposable items **soaked** in blood



Universal Waste

Batteries
Are to be disposed of in a green container.



COMMINGLED SHARPS & PHARM ONLY

- All Sharps
- Needles
- Scalpels
- Razor blades
- Staples
- Forceps
- Medical pins
- Slides
- Staple removers
- Scissors
- Tubexes.
- Trocars, guide wires
- Introdurers, disposable sharps from procedures, specimens or biopsy devices in endoscopy, etc.
- Medication must be rendered unrecognizable and /or unusable.
- Antibiotics
- IV Bags/tubing
- Injectables.
- Glass vials, broken ampules
- Partially used/remaining prescription or OTC medication
Example: full or partial tablets, capsules, powders, suppositories
- Partially used or wasted narcotics and /or controlled drugs
- Narcotic patches must be cut into several pieces.
- Vitamins

**Unopened/ Unused/
Expired Medication
MUST be returned to
the Pharmacy.**



Recycling

- Any papers, labels, scratch paper, forms, or other documents that have any patient information on them
- Any business paperwork confidential to RUHS
- Any paper marked "Confidential"
- Confidential patient information is anything that can identify a patient.



Soiled Linen

- **All** linens, scrubs, jump suits, **regardless of moisture content or type and amount of body fluid**, are to be placed in the linen bags.
- Please remove all chux and any tape prior to placing the linens in the hamper/bag.



RCRA Waste

Pharmaceuticals Tier 2 & 3 HDs

Example:
EPINEPHrine, Nitroglycerin, Warfarin, Inhalers with residual (empty in regular trash), barium, nicotine patches or gum, birth control pills with estrogen or estradiol, zinc oxide, silver nitrate sticks, meds in a container under pressure, chemo (only when chemo left in infusion bag, **NOT TRACE** in tubing)

- Insulin
- Topical Gel with alcohol > 24%



Chemo Waste

Trace Chemo: Tier 1 HDs

All supplies used to make and administer chemo medication I.E: tubing, empty bags/bottles/vials, syringes, gloves, pads, masks, gowns, wipes, etc.
Oral Chemo
Sharps are to be placed ONLY in 2 gallon Yellow Chemo sharps container.
Contact pharmacy to pick up all unused/unopened chemotherapy.



Regular Waste

- Paper, Trash, Wrappers
- Bath basins, cups, toothbrushes, etc.
- Non-bloody dressings
- Chux / Diapers
- Empty irrigation bottles, such as sterile water, sterile saline.
- Gloves
- Disposable Respiratory circuits & equipment
- Empty suction canisters

Any question, please call:

Safety office: 64689
Infection Control: 64690
EVS: 65480
Pharmacy: 64502

