

Medical Waste Management

Do's	Don'ts
DO laminate signage; or place signage in a page protector.	DO NOT place paper signs in the clinic that are not able to be decontaminated.
DO disinfect soiled exam room instrument transport containers with Clorox bleach wipes in-between use.	DO NOT reuse soiled exam room instrument transport containers without decontaminating them in-between use.
DO routinely disinfect red biohazard bag waste containers inside and out with Clorox bleach wipes.	DO NOT allow contaminants to be present on waste containers.
DO ensure that nothing is stored on top of or touching any medical waste or hazardous waste containers.	DO NOT place any items on top of medical waste or hazardous waste containers.
DO ensure that sharps containers are sealed when 2/3 full and removed for disposal.	DO NOT allow sharps containers to go past the 2/3 full line.
DO ensure that medical waste is picked up or otherwise removed for proper treatment & disposal on a routine basis.	DO NOT let medical waste over accumulate in your area.
DO ensure that red biohazard bags are tied securely with and overhand knot prior to transport.	DO NOT allow red biohazard bags to be removed from their container unless they are properly tied/secured.
DO ensure that red biohazard bag waste containers are properly labeled with the biohazard symbol on the lid and each lateral side.	DO NOT allow red biohazard bag waste containers to be improperly labeled.
DO place unwanted/expired non-hazardous pharmaceutical waste in appropriate purple top Daniels brand containers ; or blue/white Stericycle containers ; or return expired/unwanted pharm. to the pharmacy if allowed.	DO NOT place expired/unwanted non-hazardous pharmaceuticals in red biohazard bags ; biohazard sharps containers or regular trash.
DO place empty non-hazardous pharmaceutical vials and non-infectious waste in the regular trash.	DO NOT place empty non-hazardous pharmaceutical vials or non-infectious waste in red biohazard bags ; sharps containers ; yellow trace chemo waste containers or black RCRA hazardous waste container
DO place all items that are empty and have come in contact with a chemo agent in a yellow trace chemo waste container (e.g. gloves, gowns, empty tubing, empty vials, empty syringes etc.)	DO NOT place chemo waste in any waste container other than a yellow trace chemo waste container or black RCRA hazardous waste container as appropriate.
DO use a separate yellow trace chemo sharps container to dispose of sharps used to administer a chemo agent.	DO NOT place chemo sharps into a biohazard sharps container ; purple top Daniels brand container ; or blue/white Stericycle container
DO place hazardous waste and 'bulk' chemo waste into a black RCRA hazardous waste container .	DO NOT place hazardous waste or 'bulk' chemo waste in a red biohazard bag ; biohazard sharps container ; purple top Daniels brand container ; or blue/white Stericycle container
DO ensure that the applicable Medical Waste Accumulation/Storage Area Signage is posted.	DO NOT forget to post the appropriate Medical Waste Accumulation/Storage Area Signage
DO visit the Ambulatory Safety Division's Medical Waste Management Program website for more information: http://fpg.uclahealth.org/body.cfm?id=221	DO NOT forget to visit the Ambulatory Safety Division's Medical Waste Management Program website for more information: http://fpg.uclahealth.org/body.cfm?id=221

Below are examples of approved medical and hazardous waste containers:

