



# Waste Acceptance Policy

## Regulated Medical Waste

### STERICYCLE WASTE ACCEPTANCE POLICY CHECKLIST

#### ACCEPTED WASTE:

- ✓ **Sharps** – means any object contaminated with a pathogen or that may become contaminated with a pathogen through handling or during transportation and also capable of cutting or penetrating skin or a packaging material. Sharps include needles, syringes, scalpels, broken glass, culture slides, culture dishes, broken capillary tubes, broken rigid plastic and exposed ends of dental wires.
- ✓ **Regulated Medical Waste** – means a waste or reusable material derived from the medical treatment of an animal or human, which includes diagnosis and immunization or from biomedical research which includes production and testing of biological products.

#### ACCEPTED WASTE WHICH MUST BE IDENTIFIED AND SEGREGATED FOR INCINERATION:

- ✓ **Trace- Chemotherapy Contaminated Waste** – RCRA Empty drug vials, syringes and needles, spill kits, IV tubing and bags, contaminated gloves and gowns, and related materials as defined in applicable laws, rules, regulations or guidelines.
- ✓ **Pathological Waste** – Human or animal body parts, organs, tissues and surgical specimen (decanted of formaldehyde, formalin or other preservatives).
- ✓ **Non-RCRA Pharmaceuticals (Non-Hazardous Pharmaceuticals)** – Must be characterized and certified as non-RCRA hazardous material by the generator. Consult Stericycle Representative for specific requirements.

#### WASTE NOT ACCEPTED BY STERICYCLE IN REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE:

- ✗ **Untreated Category A Infectious Substances**
- ✗ **RCRA Hazardous Pharmaceutical Waste**
- ✗ **Chemicals** – Formaldehyde, formalin, acids, alcohol, waste oil, solvents, reagents, fixer, developer
- ✗ **Hazardous Waste** – Drums or other containers with a hazard warning symbol, batteries and other heavy metals
- ✗ **Radioactive Waste** – Any container with a radioactivity level that exceeds regulatory or permitted limits; lead-containing materials
- ✗ **Complete Human Remains**
- ✗ **Bulk Chemotherapy Waste**
- ✗ **Compressed Gas Cylinders, Canisters, Inhalers and Aerosol Cans**
- ✗ **Any Mercury Containing Material or Devices** – Any mercury thermometers, sphygmomanometers or lab or medical devices
- ✗ **Mercury-Containing Dental Waste** – Non-contact and contact amalgam and products, chairside traps, amalgam sludge or vacuum pump filters, extracted teeth with mercury fillings and empty amalgam capsules

Additional waste acceptance policies may apply based on state or permit specific requirements. Hazardous waste transportation services may be offered in certain geographical locations, under separate contract. Please refer to your local Stericycle Representative for additional information. For additional information on container and labeling requirements contact our Stericycle Customer Service Department at (866) 783-7422.