

Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal Program

Guidelines for Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal Services

- Must be supplied by a company which is licensed by Saskatchewan Environment to provide proper pharmaceutical pick up and disposal services.
- As per Saskatchewan Environment guidelines pharmaceutical waste must be incinerated or disposed of in a method found to be suitable by the department.
- Drugs may be disposed or destroyed by high temperature incineration, chemical degradation or return to supplier.
- Biomedical waste includes that waste which is generated by pharmacies and may also be referred to as industrial waste (chemicals, radio-active substances), medical waste (used to diagnose or treat a patient) and biomedical waste (which is infectious, sharps, cytotoxic items or waste which is especially sensitive due to its nature)
- Waste should be collected and stored in container which clearly identifies it as biomedical waste with a biohazard symbol.
- All companies contracted to provide waste disposal services must follow applicable Transport Canada, Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations.
- Sharps containers must not be exposed to contact with heavy equipment. The sharps container should be puncture resistant with a tightly fitted lid and labeled with a biohazard symbol.

Further information on the companies providing pharmaceutical waste disposal services may be obtained from the Pharmacists' Association of Saskatchewan at (306)-359-7277.

For further information regarding the proper disposal of all waste products please contact your local Saskatchewan Environment Office that can be found on the website: <http://www.environment.gov.sk.ca> .