



# Three Tips for Drug Waste Disposal



Disposing of unused or unwanted medication is a common task in health care. However, without a well-designed drug waste disposal program, organizations may be at risk. The good news: starting a comprehensive pharmaceutical waste disposal program doesn't have to be a challenge.

Here are three key tips to consider as part of establishing an effective drug waste disposal program.



## IDENTIFY PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE

- Inspect your facility to identify what drug waste is generated.
- Determine if your pharmaceutical waste is hazardous or non-hazardous, controlled, or uncontrolled.



## DISTRIBUTE AND USE PROPER CONTAINERS

- Distribute designated containers for distinct types of pharmaceutical waste.
- Understand the correct quantity, size, and type of pharmaceutical waste container needed.
- Label your containers to specify what types of waste should be placed in each container.



## TRAIN STAFF

- Train your employees. All staff should be fully knowledgeable about what types of pharmaceutical waste your facility generates and where and how they should dispose of it.
- Provide convenient, comprehensive, and coordinated training throughout the year.
- Provide online tools, display posters near drug waste containers, and conduct timely reminders to keep staff up-to-date.

Implementing a robust pharmaceutical waste disposal program can make drug disposal easy and help you maintain compliance.

## Committing to an Effective Drug Disposal Program

Partnering with an organization like Stericycle can help you establish an effective pharmaceutical waste disposal program.

Learn more about Stericycle's Drug Disposal Programs, contact your local Stericycle representative or call 844-700-8930.



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