



## 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.

For further information regarding the proper disposal of biomedical waste products see: Government of Saskatchewan "Saskatchewan Biomedical Waste Management Guidelines", February 2008:  
<http://www.environment.gov.sk.ca/adx.aspx/adxGetMedia.aspx?DocID=217,216,104,81,1,Documents&MediaID=1099&Filename=Biomedical+Waste+Management.pdf>. Accessibility verified July 2017.

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

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