








Medical Waste Storage Labeling, Holding Times and Treatment Methods

Medical Waste Stream	Inner Packaging and Primary Container (Onsite)	Onsite Containment Prior to Offsite Transport	Onsite Holding Times	Treatment Method
Biohazardous Waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bloody items Gauze Soiled gowns and gloves Bloody Suction Canisters 	Labeled biohazardous waste container lined with a red bag. BAG: Certified ASTM D1709: minimum requirement LABELED: "Biohazardous Waste" or "BIOHAZARD" with international biohazard symbol.	Tied red bag(s) in a USDOT-approved, rigid container lined with a red bag. Must have a tight-fitting lid BAG: Certified ASTM D1709 AND D1922 LABELED: on lid and sides visible from any lateral direction with "Biohazardous Waste" or "BIOHAZARD" with the international biohazard symbol. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At >0°C, ≥ 20 pounds per month, shall contain or stored ≤ 7 days* At >0°C, < 20 pounds per month shall store ≤ 30 days* At ≤ 0°C, any amount may be stored up to 90 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steam Sterilization Incineration Approved Alt Tech
Sharps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needles Broken glass vials Blades Clips Pins Trocars Carpuncts 	FDA-certified sharps waste container. Sharps container, not individual sharps , may be placed in a red biohazard bag. LABELED: "Sharps Waste" or "BIOHAZARD" with international biohazard symbol.	Sharps waste container in a USDOT-approved, rigid container with a tight-fitting lid, or USDOT approved transport carriage. sharps waste container(s) without bag or secondary container. LABELED: "sharps waste" or with the international biohazard symbol and the word "BIOHAZARD". 	<u>Closed sharps containers ready for disposal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At >0°C, any amount may be stored ≤ 30 days* At ≤ 0°C, any amount may be stored up to 90 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steam Sterilization Incineration Approved Alt Tech
Chemotherapy (Contaminated with trace chemotherapy agents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gloves Gowns Towels Sharps 	Labeled chemotherapy waste container lined with a red or yellow biohazard bag. BAG: Certified ASTM D1709: minimum requirement LABELED: "Chemotherapy Waste" or "CHEMO"	Tied red or yellow bag(s) in a USDOT-approved, rigid container lined with a red or yellow bag. Must have a tight-fitting lid BAG: Certified ASTM D1709 AND D1922 Labeled: on lid and sides visible from any lateral direction with "Chemotherapy Waste" or "CHEMO". <i>(For chemo sharps containers, see sharps labeling listed above and include "Chemotherapy Waste" or "CHEMO" labeling.)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At >0°C, ≥ 20 pounds per month, shall be stored ≤ 7 days* At >0°C, < 20 pounds per month shall be stored ≤ 30 days* At ≤ 0°C, any amount may be stored up to 90 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incineration Approved Alt Tech
Pathology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human and animal body parts Waste specimens Solidified Suction Canisters Tissues Animal Carcasses 	Pathology Waste container shall be lined with a red or white biohazard bag. BAG: Certified ASTM D1709 minimum requirement LABELED: "Pathology Waste" or "PATH"	Tied red or white bag(s) in a USDOT-approved, rigid container lined with a red or white bag. Must have a tight-fitting lid BAG: Certified ASTM D1709 AND D1922 Labeled: on lid and sides visible from any lateral direction with "Pathology Waste" or "PATH".	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At >0°C, ≥ 20 pounds per month stored ≤ 7 days* At >0°C, < 20 pounds per month shall be stored ≤ 30 days* At ≤ 0°C, any amount may be stored up to 90 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incineration Approved Alt Tech
Pharmaceutical (Items containing residual medication) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syringes Vials Pills 	Pharmaceutical waste container. LABELED: "HIGH HEAT" OR "INCINERATION ONLY". <i>(Unopened/Unused or expired – Return to Pharmacy.) (Controlled substances must be rendered non-retrievable.)</i>	Pharmaceutical waste transport container by itself must be a rigid, USDOT-approved container with a tight-fitting lid. Labeled: on lid and sides visible from any lateral direction with "HIGH HEAT" or "INCINERATION ONLY". <i>(No biohazard symbol required unless comingling sharps and pharmaceuticals).</i>	Not temperature specific: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If full, ≤ 90 days If not full, once per year <i>(Stored no longer than 30 days at a permitted transfer station or offsite treatment facility.)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incineration Approved Alt Tech

Medical waste packaged for shipment offsite must be in a rigid non-bulk packaging conforming to the packaging requirements of §§173.24 and 173.24a and packaging requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.1030. Reference: HSC Sections 117630, 117636, 117690118275, 118280, 118285.

NOTE: Offsite storage at a permitted transfer station or treatment facility begins the day of pick up and is not to exceed 7 days at > 0°C or 30 days at ≤ 0°C without being granted an extension by the Department.

* If odor presents a nuisance, more frequent removal is required