

STERICYCLE, INC. WASTE ACCEPTANCE PROTOCOL

1.0 WASTE ACCEPTED BY STERICYCLE

1.1 Regulated Medical Waste (Biohazardous and Sharps Waste)

1.1.1 **Stericycle, Inc. accepts those wastes generated in the diagnosis, treatment, and immunization of humans and animals or related research, in the production and testing of biologicals, and in the preparation and administration of antineoplastic/cytotoxic agents.** Stericycle's waste acceptance practices and policies are based upon federal, state, and local laws for *regulated medical waste*. For the purposes of this document, the term *regulated medical waste* also means *biohazardous, biomedical, or infectious waste*.

1.1.2 **Laboratory wastes including, but not limited to:**

1.1.2.1 Human or animal specimen cultures from medical and pathology laboratories.

1.1.2.2 Cultures and stocks of infectious agents from clinical, research, and industrial laboratories (CDC Biohazard Levels or Risk Groups I, II, III).

1.1.2.3 Wastes from production of bacteria, viruses, spores, discarded vaccines and biologicals from healthcare or research, and dishes or devices used to transfer, inoculate, and mix cultures.

1.1.3 **Human surgical specimens, tissues, organs, placentas, and limbs** (pathology waste only, exclusive of preservative agents).

1.1.4 **Animal parts, tissues, fluids, and carcasses** from both research and veterinary facilities (pathology waste only, exclusive of preservative agents).

1.1.5 **Fluid blood, fluid blood products, and containers, equipment, or articles** with fluid blood/blood products/body fluids.

1.1.6 **Medical waste contaminated with excretions, exudates, secretions, or body fluids** including, but not limited to, isolation waste, or other medical waste as determined by the infection control staff, physician, veterinarian, or local health officer to be isolated and handled as such.

1.1.7 **Chemotherapy waste** including sharps, syringes, IV tubing/bags/bottles, vials, and other discarded contaminated items generated in the preparation and administration of cytotoxic/antineoplastic drugs. Only *empty* containers/bags are acceptable with residue not to exceed 3% of total volume.

1.1.8 **Sharps waste** including, but not limited to:

1.1.8.1 **Suture needles**, hypodermic needles, syringes, needles with attached tubing, scalpel and razor blades, dental wires, disposable surgical instruments, and electrosurgical needles/blades.

1.1.8.2 **Medical/laboratory glassware or plasticware** that may be contaminated with an infectious substance and is able to cut or

penetrate skin or packaging such as needles, syringes, scalpels, broken glass, slides, pipettes, blood tubes, vials, bottles, culture slides or dishes, broken rigid plastic, exposed ends of dental wire and contaminated unbroken glass articles that could be broken during handling and transportation, thus rendering them *sharps waste*.

1.2 International waste from ocean liners, ships, and planes which is not otherwise hazardous. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulates this waste.

1.3 Medical Records and Confidential Documents

2.0 WASTE ACCEPTED BY STERICYCLE ONLY WITH PRIOR CHARACTERIZATION AND APPROVAL

2.1 Pharmaceutical waste which has been characterized as not hazardous by RCRA regulations and criteria (or more specific state regulations where applicable) may be accepted following approval by Stericycle according to the Stericycle Pharmaceutical Waste Acceptance Protocol. A list of all drugs, with the national drug code (NDC) manufacturer name, and trade or brand name for each product is necessary for waste characterization and approval by Stericycle. *Stericycle, Inc. accepts no hazardous pharmaceutical waste.* Your Stericycle representative can give you more information about this valuable service.

3.0 NON-CONFORMING WASTES NOT ACCEPTED BY STERICYCLE

3.1 Improper Packaging: The generator shall not tender and Stericycle, Inc. shall not knowingly accept for transportation any container which:

- a. is not sealed and properly labeled;
- b. is punctured or materially damaged;
- c. is overfilled or overweight (see below);
- d. contains anything other than biomedical waste;
- e. contains radioactive materials as defined by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; or
- f. requires special handling specified by the generator.

Container Maximum Weights:

<u>35 pounds</u>	<u>50 pounds</u>	<u>60 pounds</u>
Small Tub (10 gal)	Small/Med Tub (21 gal)	Med/Large Tubs (28 gal)
<u>40 Pounds</u>	Medium Tub (20 gal)	(32 gal)
Small Box (15 gal)		Large Tubs (40 gal)
Med/Large Box (33 gal)		(48 gal)

The following charges will be assessed for improperly packaged containers or for containers requiring special handling:

\$2.00 PER GALLON IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER RATES AND CHARGES

3.1 Radioactive Waste: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, will Stericycle, Inc. knowingly accept any waste emitting radiation in levels greater than regulatory limits. Prior to treatment, all containers will be inspected by means of a radiation monitor. Any container above regulatory limits will be rejected for treatment, and arrangements will be made for return to the generating facility. This procedure may result in added service charges.

3.2 Hazardous Waste, including, but not limited to:

3.2.1 Solvents, paints, paint thinner

3.2.2 Drums or other containers with hazard warning sign

3.2.3 Batteries of any kind

3.2.4 Glass thermometers, sphygmomanometers, florescent light tubes, or other medical equipment or devices containing mercury such as bougie dilators and GI tubes with mercury pouches. This includes any dental material or equipment that may contain mercury.

3.2.5 Chemicals such as formaldehyde/formalin, ova-parasite fixative, acids, alcohol, acetone, waste oil, items preserved in thimerosal in concentrations exceeding 0.002%, and mercury-containing reagents.

3.2.6 Bulk chemotherapy waste (antineoplastic/cytotoxic drugs) or other RCRA listed hazardous pharmaceuticals full or partially full IV bottles/bags and vials of chemotherapy agents constitute hazardous waste and must be managed accordingly. Stericycle, Inc. will not accept any outdated or unused chemotherapy drugs. It is recommended that such agents be returned to the pharmaceutical company.

3.2.7 Any item listed as being hazardous in federal, state, or local regulations.

3.2.8 In order to comply with state and federal regulations, all hazardous waste must be managed by a licensed hazardous waste contractor. Stericycle, Inc. does not provide service for hazardous waste disposal. Each facility should contact their state or local regulatory agency for hazardous waste regulations and information.

3.3 Compressed Gas Cylinders, Canisters, Inhalers, and Aerosol Cans

3.4 Human Remains: Stericycle, Inc. requires human remains, fetuses/products of conception and cadavers (intact and otherwise) are segregated from the medical waste stream. Stericycle, Inc. will not accept these materials.