

# PACKAGING PROCEDURES

FOR MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL • Reusable Containers\* and Corrugated Boxes

## REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

### GENERAL

- Generators are responsible for packaging their wastes.
- Each bag must be hand tied by gathering and twisting the neck of the bag and using a tie or hand knot to secure the bag, and each container must be securely closed.
- Closed bags must not be visible once secondary container is closed.
- Improperly packaged containers or damaged containers will be denied pick-up or returned to the generator.
- Only Regulated Medical Waste can be placed in Stericycle containers.

### SHARPS

- Sharp materials ("sharps") must be placed in a puncture-resistant container designed for "sharps" waste. "Sharps" include needles, syringes, broken glass, scalpels, culture slides, culture dishes, broken capillary tubes, broken rigid plastic and exposed ends of dental wires.
- All sharps containers should be properly closed before being placed into secondary containers.
- No loose sharps are permitted outside of sharps containers.

For more information, contact Stericycle at (866) 783-7422.



### SET UP



#### CORRUGATED BOXES:

- Turn over and seal bottom flaps with tape
- Auto-locking boxes, engage bottom flaps

*No set up required for Reusable Containers*



### STEP 1



#### LINE CONTAINER OR BOX WITH RED BAG\*\*



### STEP 2

#### TIE BAG WHEN BOX OR CONTAINER IS FULL



### STEP 3

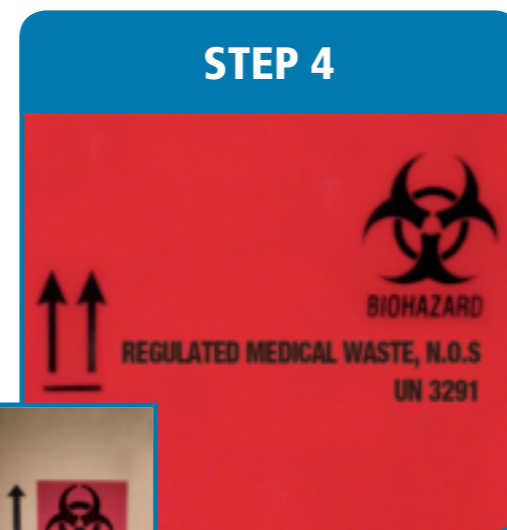


#### CORRUGATED BOXES:

- Seal top of box with tape
- Auto-locking boxes, engage top flaps

#### REUSABLE CONTAINERS:

- Secure lid on container
- Ensure all closure and/or locking mechanisms are engaged



### STEP 4



#### CHECK MARKINGS

- Federal markings (see picture above)
- Additional state and local regulations may apply
- Apply bar code label where available



### UNACCEPTABLE



All containers pictured here have a maximum weight limit of 50 pounds.

The information on the poster is based on current federal laws and regulations. Additional state specific regulations may apply. Please be advised that regulations are subject to change.

\* Instructions not applicable for reusable sharps containers.

\*\* For large or bulk reusable containers (greater than 119 gallons), bag must meet and be marked per current ASTM requirements, limited to a maximum 46 gallons and 22 lbs.