

MEDICAL SHARPS COLLECTION PROGRAM INSTRUCTION SHEET

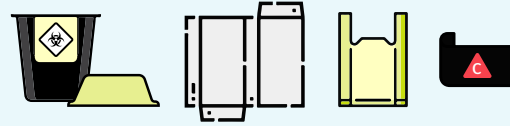


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What will you receive at your scheduled service?

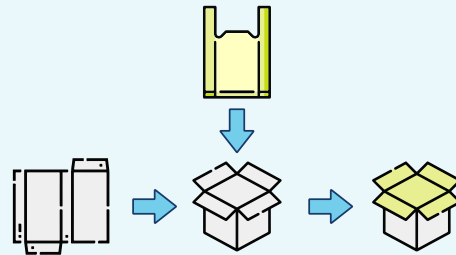
- Medical Sharps containers for members of the public
- Cardboard boxes for returns
- Liners for the boxes
- Cytotoxic labels for the boxes



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Assemble and line the cardboard box for returns

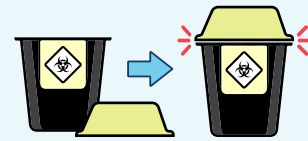
- Use the cardboard box for consumer-returned medical sharps containers
- Secure the bottom with tape
- Remember to place the liner in the box



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Assemble containers before distribution

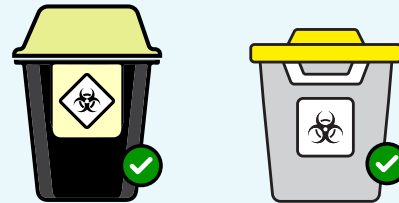
- Press firmly until the lid clicks onto the base
- This service improves the consumer experience



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What containers are accepted in the program?

- Accept any medical sharps container (i.e. labelled with the biohazard symbol)
- Do not accept non-medical sharps containers (E.g. laundry bottles, jars, cans, etc.)



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When to use the cytotoxic label?

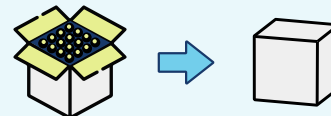
- Ask the consumer whether the medical sharps container includes cytotoxic waste
- Stick a small cytotoxic label on the medical sharps container and make sure no information is blocked.
- As soon as 1 cytotoxic identified container is placed in the return box, affix a large cytotoxic label on the outside of the box



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Don't overload the boxes

- Ensure the consumer has permanently closed the container before putting it in the lined box
- Remember to first tie the liner and then tape the box
- Label the box with your collection location's name and address
- Handle the box with care. If dragged, the box might rip
- Ensure the box is not overloaded and too heavy for the driver



HPSA medical sharps containers are for free distribution to members of the public only.
Do not distribute to commercial institutions.

Reference:
Pharmaguide/All-Eng/2024/V1

Cardboard boxes are exclusively for consumer returns.
Any member of the public should be able to return containers to your location.
Do not use for commercial waste.

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