

APWHC Medical Waste Disposal Policy



SHARPS

All contaminated sharps shall be discarded as soon as feasible in sharps containers which are located in the facility.

When full, sharps containers cannot be moved without securing/closing the opening at the top of the receptacle. Once the used sharps container is closed, it is to be packed for transport to the medical waste facility per the directives of Stericycle, utilizing the transport supplies provided by Stericycle.

ADDITIONAL REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE

Lab-regulated medical waste is packed for transport and placed in a freezer used exclusively for medical waste. The regulated waste remains frozen until the time of regularly scheduled pick up and transport as directed by Stericycle.

Regulated waste should be packaged with a bag-wrap-bag technique before freezing (i.e. collected in a gallon freezer bag, sealed, wrapped in sterile blue paper, placed in a 2nd gallon freezer bag and sealed).