MANAGING WASTE PHARMACEUTICALS - Flow Chart

RX waste is a narcotic/ controlled med → *Manage as a narcotic*

RX waste is in a syringe (needle) → *Place in sharps container*

RX waste is chemo → **Is the container empty?**

No — *Return full/partially full chemo RX to the Chemo Pharmacy*

Yes — *Place empty chemo bags/ vials & associated PPE in Chemo waste receptacle*

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RX waste is EPA regulated waste (B, P, A, V code) → **Discard according to waste code**

Place remaining A–coded RX (aerosols) in designated green-labeled BLACK container.

Place remaining B-coded RX waste in the BLACK container.
Place remaining P-coded meds AND PACKAGING In the BLACK container.

Place remaining V–coded RX in zip lock baggie. Call VEHS for pick-up.

Dosable non-hazardous/non-regulated RX remaining in the bag/vial → *Place non-hazardous / non-regulated dosable RX waste in BLUE container*

Remaining IV electrolytes / glucose (not spiked) → *Discard liquid to sink*

Empty RX containers labeled with Protected Health Information → *Place removed labels in shredder receptacles. Place empty IV bags, other labeled containers in Red biohazard bags*

Empty RX container with NO protected health information → *Discard in regular trash*

Policy Reference: SA 20-10.05 Hazardous Waste: Handling and Disposal