

# Dispose of Controlled Medications in the Cactus Smart Sink

Dispose of liquids from syringes, vials and IV bags in the "LIQUIDS ONLY" cartridge.



**Important:** Before pouring a large volume (such as an IV bag) into the smart sink, press the **Fast Fill** button for 2-3 seconds.

Dispose of Solids in the "SOLIDS ONLY" cartridge.



Dispose of patches in the "PATCHES ONLY" cartridge.

1. Fold the patch in half, sticky side to sticky side.
2. Cut into the patch along the middle with scissors.
3. Push into the "PATCHES ONLY" opening with the plunger.



## Change the Cactus Smart Sink Cartridges

Change the cartridges after 180 days, or when an indicator light shows a cartridge is full. Capacity: Liquids cartridge holds 3 liters. Solids cartridge holds 1.7 liters (500-1500 tablets/capsules).

### Remove a Cartridge:

1



Use the key to unlock the unit and remove the lid.

2



Put the cap on the cartridge. Turn clockwise to tighten. Several clicks tells you it is secure.

3



Pick up the cartridge by the handle. Discard in regular trash.

Order More Cartridges:

Solids Cartridge  
**PMM# 146808**

Liquids Cartridge  
**PMM# 146807**

View Cactus Sink video instructions.



For More Information:  
[www.vumc.org/safety/waste/controlled-drug](http://www.vumc.org/safety/waste/controlled-drug)



### Replace the SOLIDS Cartridge:

1



Add 1 liter of water to the cartridge. Allow to sit for 2 minutes, then gently swirl.

2



Place cartridge in unit with the FRONT side is closest to the Cactus symbol. Put cap in slot. Close & lock unit.

### Replace the LIQUIDS Cartridge:



Place cartridge in unit with the FRONT side closest to the Cactus symbol. Put cap in slot. Close & lock unit.