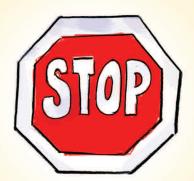
Disposing of Waste





Proper waste disposal is an important topic to understand. Here are a few guidelines for you to follow when you complete training and begin doing your dialysis at home.



Stop: If you have a sharps container from the clinic do NOT throw it into your regular trash.

All That Plastic

- Place the used blood lines, dialyzer and IV bags in a heavy thick plastic garbage bag
- · Tightly knot the top of the bag
- Place in the regular trash can

Masks, Dressings and Gloves

· Place in the regular trash

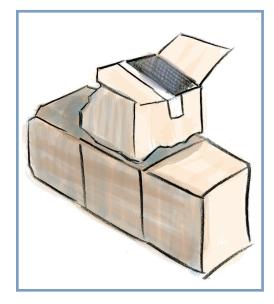
Sharp Stuff

- Needles and syringes are considered special waste
- Disposal is regulated in most states
- Your training nurse will tell you how to dispose of needles and syringes based on your state's laws





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Cardboard Boxes

 Recycle the cardboard boxes if required by your local laws by breaking them down and placing in the recycling bin

Medical Vials

- Are not considered medical waste
- Are no different than an aspirin bottle
- Dispose in the regular trash

Words of Caution

- People have a mistaken belief about what makes up medical waste
- Trash haulers may refuse to pick up dialysis waste because it looks like medical waste
- If this happens contact your home training nurse
- Education may cure this misunderstanding

More Questions About Waste Disposal?

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