

# HAZARDOUS WASTE PHARMACEUTICAL MANAGEMENT

Florida adopted new hazardous waste pharmaceutical regulations

## APPLIES TO HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

- Includes hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, health clinics, physician's offices, and pharmacies.

## DEFINITIONS

- A pharmaceutical is any drug or dietary supplement for use by humans or other animals or any electronic nicotine delivery system or its cartridges.
- Non-creditable pharmaceutical waste cannot be used again, is expired, damaged, or otherwise ineligible for credit through reverse distribution.
- A waste pharmaceutical is hazardous if it is listed on the U or P lists (40 CFR 261.33) or if it exhibits a hazardous characteristic such as ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic (40 CFR 261.21-24).

## STORAGE & LABELING

- Accumulate non-creditable pharmaceutical waste in a compatible, closed container labeled "Hazardous Pharmaceutical Waste."
- Date the container when waste is first added and keep no more than one year.
- Potentially creditable pharmaceuticals have no storage, labeling requirements, or time limits.



## EMPTY CONTAINERS

- If the pharmaceutical is removed from the container completely via the method normally used to remove it, the container is empty and therefore not regulated.

## DISPOSAL

- Hazardous waste pharmaceuticals (HWP) cannot be discharged to the sanitary sewer.
- USF's selected vendor picks up hazardous waste pharmaceuticals for disposal.

## MORE INFORMATION

- Contact EH&S at [ehs@usf.edu](mailto:ehs@usf.edu)
- [USF Procedures for HWP Disposal](#)
- [EPA Final Rule](#)
- [EPA Final Rule Webinar Slides](#)