

HOW TO USE YOUR PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE BIN

The following table contains a list of what should and should not be put into the yellow pharmaceutical waste bins for patient returned medicines.

DO	DON'T
DO put all returned, out of date or no longer required medicines from patients into the bin.	DO NOT put any cytotoxic or cytostatic medication into the bin.
DO place all tablet containers, blisters of tablets and bottles into the bins.	DO NOT empty any liquid medication into the bin.
DO remove all cardboard and paper before placing into the bin.	DO NOT put any waste cardboard or paper into the bins (packaging that can be recycled). Please remember to shred any patient identifiable labels etc.
DO place all pump action devices into the bin.	DO NOT dispose of confidential waste in pharmaceutical bins and/or bags.
DO place all spent Inhalers into the bin, ensure a stickers is placed on the bin stating “ CONTAINS INHALERS ”.	