



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3745-266-507 Residues of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals in empty containers.

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(A) Stock, dispensing, and unit-dose containers. A stock bottle, dispensing bottle, vial, or ampule (not to exceed one liter or ten-thousand pills); or a unit-dose container (e.g., a unit-dose packet, cup, wrapper, blister pack, or delivery device) is considered empty and the residues are not regulated as hazardous waste provided the pharmaceuticals have been removed from the stock bottle, dispensing bottle, vial, ampule, or the unit-dose container using the practices commonly employed to remove materials from that type of container.

(B) Syringes. A syringe is considered empty and the residues are not regulated as hazardous waste in accordance with rules 3745-266-500 to 3745-266-510 of the Administrative Code provided the contents have been removed by fully depressing the plunger of the syringe. At healthcare facilities operating in accordance with rules 3745-266-500 to 3745-266-510 of the Administrative Code, if a syringe is not empty, the syringe shall be placed with the remaining hazardous waste pharmaceuticals into a container that is managed and disposed of as a non-creditable hazardous waste pharmaceutical in accordance with rules 3745-266-500 to 3745-266-510 of the Administrative Code and any applicable federal, state, and local requirements for sharps containers and medical waste.

(C) Intravenous (IV) bags. An IV bag is considered empty and the residues are not regulated as hazardous waste provided the pharmaceuticals in the IV bag have been fully administered to a patient, or if the IV bag held non-acute hazardous waste pharmaceuticals and is "empty" as defined in paragraph (B)(1) of rule 3745-51-07 of the Administrative Code. At healthcare facilities operating in accordance with rules 3745-266-500 to 3745-266-510 of the Administrative Code, if an IV bag is not empty, the IV bag shall be placed with the remaining hazardous waste pharmaceuticals into a container that is managed and disposed of as a non-creditable hazardous waste pharmaceutical in accordance with rules 3745-266-500 to 3745-266-510 of the Administrative Code.

(D) Other containers, including delivery devices. At healthcare facilities operating in accordance with rules 3745-266-500 to 3745-266-510 of the Administrative Code, hazardous waste



pharmaceuticals remaining in all other types of unused, partially administered, or fully administered containers shall be managed as non-creditable hazardous waste pharmaceuticals in accordance with rules 3745-266-500 to 3745-266-510 of the Administrative Code, unless the container held non-acute hazardous waste pharmaceuticals and is "empty," as defined in paragraph (B)(1) or (B)(2) of rule 3745-51-07 of the Administrative Code. This includes, but is not limited to, residues in inhalers, aerosol cans, nebulizers, tubes of ointments, gels, or creams.