

Comingling: A Simplified, Single Container Waste Disposal Solution For Oregon Healthcare Systems

Single-container solutions for both sharps and non-hazardous pharmaceutical waste disposal help save time and improve efficiencies – ultimately benefitting patients.

STERICYCLE'S SHARPSRX PRO™ SERVICE

SHARPSRX PRO™ offers **simplified waste disposal at the point of patient care** by combining two of the most common waste streams: sharps waste and non-hazardous waste pharmaceuticals.

Waste collection under current Oregon law requires a **SEPARATE** red sharps waste container, which can be **time consuming, cumbersome, and confusing**.

Disposal containers for waste pharmaceuticals are **NOT** located in patient rooms.

SHARPSRX PRO™ APPROACH



CURRENT OREGON APPROACH



Proper disposal is key to ensuring that sharps and pharmaceutical waste do not end up in the wrong hands. Stericycle's streamlined SHARPSRX PRO™ waste management services can save nurses time, improve patient care, and minimize confusion.¹

75% of nurses said **waste disposal at the point of patient care** would **help improve** how they **perform their work**.

78% of nurses said **waste disposal at the point of patient care** would **help** with **patient and nurse safety**.



SHARPSRX PRO™ LABELING
Black with a fluorescent orange background.

Current Oregon regulations **PREVENT** comingling of sharps and non-hazardous wastes.

Oregon healthcare facilities should combine sharps and non-hazardous pharmaceuticals at the point of care.

Current Oregon regulations **PREVENT** the use of a comingled container because sharps waste containers are required to be red.

Sharps and SHARPSRX PRO™ reusable containers serviced by Stericycle are ALWAYS properly treated before end disposal:

- Sharps waste is treated in an autoclave prior to landfill disposal outside of OR
- SHARPSRX PRO™ waste is incinerated prior to landfill disposal outside of OR

¹ | Stericycle 2023 RWCS SharpsRx Pro White Paper, <https://www.stericycle.com/content/dam/stericycle/global/documents/RWCS-SharpsRx-Pro-White-Paper-2023.pdf>