

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.

Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) Tubing and Solution Bags

- Place the used PD cyclers sets, empty solution bags, and drain bags or lines in a heavy, thick plastic garbage 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 PD nurse will provide you with local regulations on how to dispose of needles and syringes

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Cardboard Boxes

- Cardboard boxes can be reused at home or recycled according to local regulations.

Medication Vials

- Are not considered medical waste
- Are no different than an aspirin bottle
- Reach out to your PD nurse with any questions

