Pharmaceutical Waste Guidelines

A pharmaceutical is any chemical or biological product that is intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, care, treatment, prevention of disease or injury, or intended to affect the structure or function of the body of a human or animal.

Some examples include prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, investigational new drugs, dietary supplements, homeopathic medicines, residues remaining in containers, contaminated personal protective equipment, clean-up materials from spills, tablets, capsules, IV or other compound solutions, chemotherapy pharmaceuticals, vaccines, and any delivery device with the primary purpose to deliver or dispense the pharmaceutical.

Follow the flowchart to appropriately manage your pharmaceutical waste.

Do not dispose of pharmaceutical waste using sinks, drains, intentional evaporation, or as regular trash.