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(9 VAC 120-130 C 4)



urine collection bag and tubing



suction tubing



IV solution bag and tubing



hemovac



suction canister

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(9 VAC 120-130 C 5)



urinary catheters



nasogastric tube



bedpans



oxygen tubing



ventilator tubing

## SHARPS

"Sharps" means needles, scalpels, knives, syringes with attached needles, pasteur pipettes and similar items having a point or sharp edge or that are likely to break during transportation.

Regulated sharps include:

- Sharps likely to be contaminated with organisms that are pathogenic to healthy humans
- **All** needles, syringes with attached needles, suture needles, scalpels
- This includes sharps generated through veterinary practice

(see Definition of sharps 9 VAC 20-120-10 and regulated sharps 9 VAC 20-120-150.4)

Therefore, **the following items are exempt** from regulation.



Syringes without needles



uncontaminated IV spike

## REGULATED MEDICAL WASTES

The items listed in 9 VAC 20-80-140 and 150 are regulated medical wastes.

The following photographs are examples of some items that are regulated medical wastes:



Waste packaged as medical waste is regulated medical waste (9 VAC 20-120-90.1)



If the item could potentially release liquid or semi-liquid blood or body fluids it is regulated medical waste (9 VAC 20-120-150.2)