

Waste Management Launches Rx TrackerSM Pharmaceutical Ship-Back Disposal Program

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The latest WM mail-back program, Rx Tracker provides clinics and pharmacies with a new way to safely and conveniently store and discard pharmaceutical waste

HOUSTON - October 12, 2010 - Waste Management, North America's leading provider of comprehensive waste management services, today announced the launch of Rx TrackerSM, its latest ship-back product for the health care sector. Rx Tracker is a disposable container designed for medical facilities, pharmacies and health clinics to safely hold and transport certain unwanted or expired non-controlled pharmaceuticals in compliance with state and federal environmental regulations.

Pharmaceutical waste is a growing disposal issue, with volumes on the rise and growing regulatory oversight. Improperly discarding medications can allow these compounds to reach streams and waterways, potentially posing risks to public health. Safe and convenient disposal options are especially important for small-quantity generators such as clinics and pharmacies, which need to fit pharmaceuticals disposal into their workflow.

"The environmental and health care communities recognize the importance of safely handling and disposing of pharmaceutical materials," said Mark Iske, director of product and service development for WM Healthcare Solutions. "Rx Tracker offers medical professionals new capabilities—one that protects workers and the environment while offering convenience. As part of our larger scope of services, Rx Tracker can contribute to safe and efficient operations while helping our customers to comply with environmental regulations."

Waste Management provides a full range of services to the health care sector, including MedWaste TrackerSM, which helps homes and businesses safely dispose of medical sharps and needles through a mail-in program. Waste Management's growing customer base includes over 1,000 hospital customers and 30,000 customers in the healthcare sector.

Rx Tracker is designed for the storage and transport of certain non-controlled solid and liquid pharmaceuticals. The product may be used by conditionally exempt small quantity generators (CESQGs), as defined under federal hazardous waste regulations. Customers can contact their Waste Management representative, order Rx Tracker by calling 877-236-8419 or call the Rx Tracker Help Desk at 866-931-6321.

About Waste Management and WM Healthcare Solutions

Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about Waste Management visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

WM Healthcare Solutions, Inc. (WMHS) is a subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc. that provides a complete range of sustainable and cost-effective managed waste and environmental solutions specifically designed for the healthcare industry. WMHS aims to be the single source provider of operational and consulting services required to handle the healthcare industry's complex waste streams from compliance, safety, and risk assessment to in-house operational logistics, market assessment, and collection and processing for a variety of waste streams. To learn more information about WM Healthcare Solutions, visit healthcare.wm.com

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