

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

It is our policy not to accept or process hazardous materials and pharmaceutical waste.

Our customers have been informed that we do not possess the expertise to handle these substances. Any laundry item contaminated with these substances should be disposed of at the customer's site using their own procedures to dispose of this material properly.

If the customer fails to adhere to these practices, TSHCL shall reject any laundry items contaminated with these substances and return them to the customer.

In no instance, shall these substances be disposed of at TSHCL. They must be disposed of by the customer per their own policy developed in accordance with applicable local regulations or the authorities having jurisdiction for hazardous waste.

Rationale:

Our policy has been to not accept soiled textiles contaminated with hazardous pharmaceutical substances and waste such as radioactive contaminants. All of our customers have been informed of this policy. On occasion we have had calls regarding it and have always told them to discard this material. We have not received any bags of soiled textiles so marked, but if we do it is our policy to notify the customer and return the material to them.

We believe the amount of linen that has been contaminated with pharmaceutical hazards is minimal compared to other sources of lost linen. We do not feel that it is worth the cost of training our employees and keeping adequate procedures in place to safeguard them.

Should the amount of linen contaminated in this fashion dramatically increase, we would re-examine our policies regarding it.