New Hazardous Pharm Waste Rules
EPA provides regulatory relief and protects the environment through three regulatory changes.

**Which drugs become hazardous waste pharmaceuticals (HWPs)?**

Drugs which are on EPA’s P or U list or are ignitable, toxic, or corrosive must be managed as hazardous waste.

1. No HWPs Down the Drain
2. OTC Nicotine Patches, Gums and Lozenges No Longer a Hazardous Waste
3. Empty Warfarin Wrappers, Bottles No Longer Hazardous Waste*

EPA made three major changes to its regulation of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals (HWPs) on August 21, 2019. No HWPs can be disposed down the drain anywhere in the US as of that date. All states except Iowa and Alaska must adopt the following: OTC nicotine gums, patches, and lozenges are exempt from hazardous waste regulations; Subpart P - Empty bottles and packets of warfarin are no longer a hazardous waste; HWPS no longer count towards generator status; Small and large quantity generators of hazardous waste must register after their state adopts Subpart P.*

- * Check with your state to verify if they have adopted the nicotine exclusion and Subpart P yet. Since the nicotine exemption is less strict, states are not required to adopt it. States must adopt Subpart P. See the link to the EPA map below.

**References:**

https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/instructions-and-form-hazardous-waste-generators-transporters-and-treatment-storage-and