

International Pharmaceutical and Sharps Voluntary Program Fact Sheet

Note: This is not a “producer responsibility” program but is “transitional” because others in the product chain fund and operate the program voluntarily.

Organizing Body: The Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal program was initiated by the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists (SCP/SPhA)¹ and is managed by the Pharmacists' Association of Saskatchewan (PAS).²

Program Description: The Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal program began in 1997. Pharmaceuticals, sharps and packaging can be disposed of at community pharmacies through the program, which is funded by the pharmacies. BioMed Recovery and Disposal (licensed by the Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management) supplies pharmacies with containers for collection.²

Funding: Pharmacies must pay for the pick-up of pharmaceutical waste and BioMed Recovery and Disposal (licensed by the Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management) supplies pharmacies with containers for collection²

Program Costs: No cost data found

Program Chronology: 1997: Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal began²

Collection Locations:

- Community pharmacies participate voluntarily
- PAS estimates that close to 90% of the 350 pharmacies in the province participate²

Results: 2007: 36,048 lbs (16,351 kg) were collected²

¹“Saskatchewan”, *Health Products Stewardship Association*, accessed February 2015, [Web](#).

² Gagnon, Edith. “Pharmaceutical Disposal Programs for the Public: A Canadian Perspective”, *Health Canada Environmental Impact Initiative*, last modified 6 November 2009, accessed February 2015, [Web](#), 42-44.