

Frequently Asked Questions

TakeAway Recycle System

What is the TakeAway Recycle System?

obp, in partnership with Sharps Compliance, Inc., is excited to offer the TakeAway Recycle System. TakeAway Recycle System includes collection, transport, and recycling of single-use medical devices. It is designed to help reduce the impact that placing these devices in the trash can have on our environment, thereby furthering healthcare organizations' sustainability goals.

How are products recycled?

When the TakeAway Recycle Systems are received at the processing facility, the collection containers are removed, inspected, and weighed, and the serial numbers are scanned. The contents of the collection containers are sorted using all appropriate safety controls as outlined by OSHA and CDC. Devices are appropriately disinfected or sterilized via industrial autoclave, based on device materials, in compliance with all established company protocol and best practices, as well as federal, state, and local regulations. The vast majority of the devices that will be processed are composed of plastic, aluminum, stainless steel, and titanium materials, and some may also contain batteries and electronic components, such as circuit boards. After sorting and appropriate decontamination, devices are disassembled down to their core components based on material type and waste stream.

Waste Stream	Recovery and Disposition Method
Plastic	Using Sharps' patented Waste Conversion Process, plastic materials, once destined for a landfill, are converted into a useful high BTU content resource that is used to generate power.
Batteries	Recovered and delivered to e-Stewards or other approved recycler for recycling.
Stainless Steel	Recovered and delivered to approved recycling facilities for reuse as raw material.
Electronics	Recovered and delivered to e-Stewards or other approved e-recycler for recycling
Aluminum	Recovered and delivered to approved recycling facilities for reuse as raw material.
Titanium	Recovered and delivered to approved recycling facilities for reuse as raw material.
Copper	Recovered and delivered to approved recycling facilities for reuse as raw material.

Can I get a certificate of recycling?

Yes, recycling certificates and biannual sustainability reports are available.

As part of Sharps' facility operations, records are maintained and kept current for the life of the facility and are available for regulatory inspection at short notice. The operating records are a collection of relevant facility records, which may be an electronic and/or hard copy, demonstrating compliance with all applicable facility protocols and regulatory requirements. Records include, at a minimum:

- Copies of permits
- Dates of treatment
- Amount of materials treated
- Methods of treatment
- Amount of material recycled by type

Do I need to remove the batteries from my obp device prior to placing it in the bin?

No, the entire device, batteries included, can be placed directly in the bin after use.

Can any obp Surgical product be placed in the bin?

Approved obp products include: ONETRAC, ONETRAC LX, ONETRAC LXD, and ONETRAC LXS.

How do I participate in the TakeAway Recycle System offer by obp?

The TakeAway Recycling System is administered direct through obp. Simply ask your obp sales representative or contact obp directly to set up an account.

How much does it cost?

The customer will be billed \$129.50 per carton (each carton contains two 7.5 gallon bins). Pricing includes freight.

What SKU should I use when placing an order?

SKU: **87702 - TakeAway Recycling System**

Can I cancel at any time?

Yes, bins are shipped out on a per order basis. There is no long-term commitment required to participate.

How many units fit in one bin?

One bin will accommodate 45 units.



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