

Infection Prevention & Control

Cardboard Boxes



Supplies are to be removed

From corrugated and original shipping packaging. This should occur outside of the clean and sterile storage areas.



Do Not Store Cardboard in:

Clinical areas, Operating rooms, Medical Surgical Supply Rooms, Clean Utility Rooms, Medication Rooms



NOTE: Any items that are pre-packaged by the manufacturer, for example, syringes, 2x2's, and procedure masks, and are inside the original shipping package, may remain in their box. Discard the inside box when empty. Do not refill.

Why?



- 1 Cardboard cannot be cleaned; dust and bacteria can collect in the grooves
- 2 Cardboard is susceptible to moisture, water, mice, insects, vermin dirt and bacteria during transportation and storage
- **3** Cardboard boxes can carry insects and microorganisms into a health care facility
- 4 Cardboard can be a source of bacterial and fungal growth when wet





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