

## **Corrugated Cardboard Boxes**



## Do not store items in corrugated cardboard

- Remove items from corrugated and shipping packaging
- Remove items outside of clean and sterile storage areas
- Never store corrugated cardboard or original shipping packaging inside clinical areas, operating rooms, unit supply rooms, and 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?



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



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