

Ordering Rabies Specimen Shipping Supplies for:

OAVT Rabies Response Program (RRP) Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs)

Each individual Public Health Unit is responsible for ordering, stocking and supplying shipping supplies to OAVT RRP RVTs for the purpose of rabies specimen collection and shipment.

Shipping supplies have been procured to meet the regulations under the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act while keeping shipping costs to a minimum. **It is important that only these selected supplies be provided to RVTs.**

What supplies are needed to ship rabies specimens?

Each rabies specimen requires the following supplies for shipment:

1 corrugated double walled box

3 plastic bags for the specimen

1 plastic bag for the specimen lab submission form

1, or more, ridged ice packs (dependant on the size of the specimen and the outside temperature)

Biological Category B specimens shipping by air require that one of the three specimen bags be a Pressure-Tested (95 kPa) bag used for the specimen packaging. Air shipment is only required in the Thunder Bay and Northwestern Health Unit areas.

RVTs may request multiple sets of shipping materials at one time to prevent repeated travel to and from the health unit to pick up supplies and to provide efficiency when collecting.

Where can supplies be ordered?

Shipping supplies are provided by the Ontario Government Pharmaceutical and Medical Supply Service (OGPMMS) and can be ordered through the Inventory Module of Panorama.

The majority of specimens will fit in the smaller sized boxes and bags available for order. These should make up the bulk of your supply. A smaller number of large boxes and bags should also be available.

The following supplies are available and should be the **only** supplies ordered for rabies specimens.

All Health Units (except Thunder Bay District and Northwestern Health Units)

Description	Size	Units	Catalogue No.
Plastic Bags for Ground Shipping	LARGE Industrial Poly Bags; 15 x 30 inches 3 Mil	1	8520-4000-0
Plastic Bags for Ground Shipping	SMALL Re-closable Bags; 9 x 12 inches 4 Mil	1	8520-4010-0
Ice Packs	Ice Packs, Rigid	1	8520-4020-0
Corrugated Cardboard Boxes	LARGE Double Wall Corrugated Boxes; 16 x 16 x 16 inches	1	8520-4030-0
Corrugated Cardboard Boxes	SMALL Double Wall Corrugated Boxes; 10 x 10 x 10 inches	1	8520-4040-0

Thunder Bay District and Northwestern Health Units Only

Description	Size	Units	Catalogue No.
Plastic Bags for Shipping by Air to Lethbridge Laboratory	SMALL Pressure-Tested Plastic Bags; 11 x 12 inches (95 kPa)	1	8520-4050-0
Plastic Bags for Shipping by Air to Lethbridge Laboratory	LARGE Pressure-Tested Bags, 13.125 x 18 Inches (95 kPa)	1	8520-4060-0
Ice Packs	Ice Packs, Rigid	1	8520-4020-0
Corrugated Cardboard Boxes	LARGE Double Wall Corrugated Boxes; 16 x 16 x 16 inches	1	8520-4030-0
Corrugated Cardboard Boxes	SMALL Double Wall Corrugated Boxes; 10 x 10 x 10 inches	1	8520-4040-0