

Medical Waste

How Do I? 

What We Do

The Medical Waste Program regulates generators of medical waste based on the Medical Waste Management Act. The program inspects medical waste facilities, facilities with on-site medical waste treatment units, and common storage areas annually. This program also investigates complaints regarding mishandling of medical waste and facilities that may be operating without a valid health permit. Some facilities that may generate medical waste include hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, blood banks, and doctors, dental and veterinarian offices.

If your facility generates 200 pounds or more of medical waste in any one month of a 12-month period, then it is a large quantity generator (LQG) and must be registered with EHS. If your facility treats medical waste on-site, then you must obtain a permit from EHS. As part of the application process, LQGs are also required to submit a Medical Waste Management Plan along with their application.

If your facility generates less than 200 pounds of medical waste per month and does not treat medical waste on-site, then it is a small quantity generator (SQG). If several SQGs (who operate independently) use a medical waste accumulation area to storage medical waste prior to collection by a registered hazardous waste hauler, then it is considered a common storage facility and a health permit is required.



Attention All Home Sharps Users!

Home-generated sharps cannot be thrown in the trash. This includes disposable hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, and other medical devices used for self-injection or blood tests, which may have a sharp tip or end. For proper disposal, contact the County Fire Department

Medical Waste Documents

[CDPH Medical Waste Transporters](#)

[CDPH Permitted Medical Waste Transfer Stations and Treatment Facilities](#)

[Mail-Back Systems Approved by the California Department Of Public Health](#)

[Medical Waste Laws, Regulations, and Standards](#)

[Health Permit Application](#)

[Medical Waste Management Plan](#)

Must be filed with the Division of Environmental Health Services by Small Quantity Generators and Large Quantity Generators

[Medical Waste Tracking Log and Tracking Document](#)

Ebola Medical Waste Management Information

[San Bernardino County Ebola Information](#)

[California Department of Public Health's Ebola Information](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Ebola Information](#)

Helpful Links

[Cal/OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens](#)

[CDPH Medical Waste Management Program](#)

[Dental, Medical and Veterinary Offices: Managing Your Hazardous Waste](#)

[National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health \(NIOSH\)](#)

[National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health \(NIOSH\) Bloodborne Pathogens](#)

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