

Medical Waste Facility Requirements

All medical waste facilities operating in SBC are required to obtain a **health permit** and submit a **medical waste management plan**. Each medical waste facility must also fulfill the following requirements:

► Small Quantity Generators

- Maintain tracking records for 3 years from registered hauler.

Note: Subject to inspection.

► Large Quantity Generators

- Maintain tracking records for 2 years from registered hauler.
- Receive annual inspections.

Note: LQGs operating in adjacent buildings within 400 yards may register as one generator.

► Common Storage Facilities

- Maintain tracking records for 3 years from registered hauler.
- Receive annual inspections.

Note: SQGs that use a CSF must obtain their own health permit.

► Onsite Treatment Facilities

- Maintain 2 years of required records.
- Receive annual inspections.

For Full List of Requirements

For more information, visit the **Medical Waste FAQ** page at bit.ly/455Mwav or scan the QR code.



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REPORT A PROBLEM

See something wrong? Let us know!
To submit a medical waste complaint, visit bit.ly/3LZ7TDM or call/text our office.



Visit the Medical Waste page at bit.ly/461fhB0 or scan the QR code.



MEDICAL WASTE PROGRAM

Environmental Health Services (EHS) enforces the California Medical Waste Management Act (California Health and Safety Code Sections 117600-118360) in San Bernardino County (SBC).

What We Do

EHS permits and inspects facilities that generate medical waste. These facilities may include blood banks, acupuncture facilities, veterinary offices, and medical offices, etc. EHS also investigates complaints related to medical waste mishandling and unpermitted medical waste facilities.

Types of Medical Waste Health Permits

Facilities that produce medical waste in SBC need an SBC EHS health permit. There are 4 types of medical waste health permits:

- **Small Quantity Generators (SQG) without onsite treatment** generate less than 200 pounds of medical waste per month.

- **Small Quantity Generators (SQG) with onsite treatment** generate less than 200 pounds of medical waste per month.

- **Large Quantity Generators (LQG)** generate 200 pounds or more of medical waste per month.

- **Common Storage Facilities (CSF)** are onsite medical waste storage areas used by SQGs and collected by a registered hazardous waste hauler.

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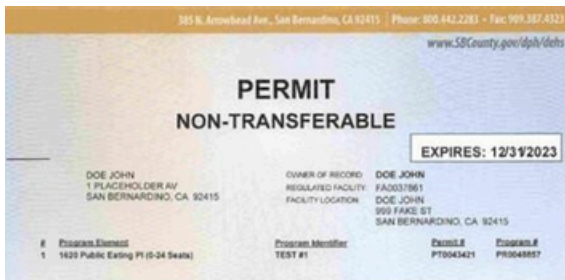
MEDICAL WASTE CATEGORIES

Medical waste regulated by EHS should be sorted as follows

SBC ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES MEDICAL WASTE HEALTH PERMIT

Below are examples of SBC Medical Waste Permits. This is a separate permit that is not issued by the state.

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IS YOUR MEDICAL WASTE HAULER REGISTERED?

Medical waste facilities must have their waste collected by a California registered waste hauler. To view the list of registered haulers, visit bit.ly/3PAXpey or scan the QR code.



PHARMACEUTICAL

All non-hazardous waste pharmaceuticals (prescription or over-the-counter).

Place in a blue or blue-lidded container labeled with the words "Pharm" or "Pharmaceutical Waste," AND "Incinerate Only"



- Injectables
- Antibiotics
- Full/partially filled creams, ointments
- Full/partially filled vials, ampules
- Full/partially filled syringes
- Discontinued IVs with non-hazardous pharmaceuticals
- Pills

SHARPS

Items capable of puncturing or cutting the skin and are contaminated with blood or potentially infectious body fluids.

Place in a red or clear container labeled with the word "Sharps" AND a Biohazard symbol



- Ampules
- Blades
- Broken glass
- Dental wires
- Needles
- Pipettes
- Blood vials
- Razors
- Scalpels
- Sharp instruments
- Sharp plastics
- Staples
- Trocars
- Syringes

BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE

Disposable items with recognizable fluid, blood, and/or potentially infectious body fluids.

Place in a container labeled with a Biohazard symbol AND lined with a red bag with a Biohazard symbol



- Blood and blood products
- Contaminated personal protective equipment
- Cultures, stacks
- Soiled gloves, drapes, and packaging
- Specimen bags labeled with biohazard symbol
- IV tubing
- Lab cultures and lab items
- Suction canisters
- Teeth without amalgam
- Gauze with fluid blood
- Blood transfusion bags and/or tubing
- Infectious waste
- Body fluids

TRACE CHEMOTHERAPY

All materials that are contaminated with chemo agents from the production or administration. Must not have free flowing liquids that will readily pour out.

Place into a yellow container labeled "Chemo" or "Chemotherapy Waste," "Incinerate ONLY," AND a Biohazard symbol



PATHOLOGY

Human specimens or tissues removed from a minor procedure, surgery, or autopsy.

Place in a container labeled with the word "Path" or "Pathology Waste," "Incinerate Only," AND a Biohazard symbol



- Skin tags
- Bone fragments
- Tissue
- Fat
- Limbs
- Other organs

HAZARDOUS WASTE

EHS does NOT regulate Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) or radioactive materials. Contact the Hazardous Materials program of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District.

For more information, visit bit.ly/CUPAHW or call (909) 386-8401.