

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.13811 Storage, decontamination, and disposal of medical waste.**

Sec. 13811.

A producing facility shall store, decontaminate, and dispose of medical waste pursuant to the following:

(a) Cultures and stocks of material contaminated with an infectious agent shall be stored in closed, puncture-resistant containers, decontaminated by autoclaving or incineration, and disposed of in a sanitary landfill.

(b) Blood and blood products and body fluids shall be disposed of by 1 or more of the following methods:

(i) Flushing down a sanitary sewer.

(ii) Decontaminating by autoclaving or incineration.

(iii) Solidifying.

(iv) If not in liquid form, transferring to a sanitary landfill.

(v) A process approved by the department.

(c) Pathological waste shall be disposed of by 1 or more of the following methods:

(i) Incineration or cremation.

(ii) Grinding and flushing into a sanitary sewer.

(iii) Burial in a cemetery, if transported in leakproof containers of sufficient integrity to prevent rupture.

(iv) Grinding until rendered unrecognizable, stored in closed, puncture-resistant, properly labeled containers, and, if not in liquid form, disposed of in a sanitary landfill.

(v) A process approved by the department.

(d) Sharps shall be disposed of by 1 of the following methods:

(i) Placement in rigid, puncture-resistant containers that are appropriately labeled and transported to a sanitary landfill in a manner that retains the integrity of the container.

(ii) Incineration or decontamination and grinding that renders the objects unrecognizable. Ground sharps shall be placed in a sealed, rupture-resistant container and transported to a sanitary landfill.

(iii) A process approved by the department.

(e) Animal waste contaminated with organisms infectious to humans shall be disposed of by incineration or by burial in a sanitary landfill in properly labeled, double containers that are leakproof and puncture-resistant and are tightly sealed to prevent escape of fluids or material. Contaminated animal organs disposed of separately shall be rendered unrecognizable.

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