

COVID-19 WASTE MANAGEMENT – DO'S & DON'TS (Urban Local Bodies)

Do's



Arrange collection of biomedical waste from every quarantine centers/camps, home quarantine and home-cares.



Provide yellow coloured bags to the persons operating Quarantine Camp and to care takers of homecare.



Identify a Common Biomedical Waste Treatment and Disposal Facility (CBWTF) for collection of biomedical waste from quarantine centers / home-cares from designated locations.



Share details of ULBs with Quarantine Camps / Quarantine Homes / Home-Cares State Pollution Control Boards / Pollution Control Committees to facilitate disposal of biomedical waste.



Provide necessary support and security to waste handlers of CBWTF while collection of biomedical waste.



Establish common waste deposition centers (as stipulated under SWM Rules, 2016) for receiving / collection of biomedical waste.



Provide adequate Personnel Protective Equipment (PPEs) such as three layer masks, splash proof aprons/gowns, heavy-duty gloves, gum boots and safety goggles to workers involved in handling of COVID-19 biomedical waste.



Form a dedicated team of workers for collection of waste from quarantine centers or home care.



Arrange regular awareness programs and training to the workers engaged in Solid waste handling



Ensure dedicated trolleys / cart / vehicles are used for collection of waste and ensure regular sanitization with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution after every trip of collecting biomedical waste from home care / home quarantine.

Don'ts



Never mix general solid waste with biomedical waste at quarantine centre / quarantine home / home-care.



Workers of ULBs shall never deny collection of waste from quarantine center / quarantine home / home-care.



Never store biomedical waste at waste deposition center / collection point for more than 24 hrs, the same should be immediately handed over to CBWTF for final disposal.



Never send worker without PPEs for collection of waste from quarantine center / quarantine home / home-care.



Don't use the trolley / cart dedicated for collection COVID-19 biomedical waste for collection of general waste.