



Resource Guide

Subject:	Waste Disposal Containers
Facility Site Review Source:	California Department of Health Care Services under Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 53230. (Requires the review and certification of Primary Care Practitioner (PCP) sites.) Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) All Plan Letter 20-006, Site Reviews: Facility Site Review and Medical Record Review
Relevant Law/Standard:	California Health and Safety Code, Sections 117600 - 118360
Agency//Organization Source:	California Department of Public Health, OSHA
Agency/Organization URL	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DRSEM/CDPH%20Document%20Library/EMB/MedicalWaste/MedicalWasteManagementAct.pdf

Background:

Medical waste being held for shipment offsite for treatment must be labeled, on the lid and sides of the containers.

- **Biohazardous Waste Container:** Regulated waste, such as I.V. tubing used to administer blood, contaminated PPE, and needles etc., must be disposed of into appropriately labeled biohazardous waste containers. [29 CFR 1910.1030(g)(1)(i)(A)]

Biohazard Label: Containers that contain regulated waste (contaminated PPE, needles, etc.) as well as refrigerators and freezers containing blood or OPIM, must bear the biohazard symbol [29 CFR 1910.1030(g)(1)(i)(A)]

- Labels should be fluorescent orange or orange-red, with lettering and symbols in a contrasting color. [29 CFR 1910.1030(g)(1)(i)(C)]
- Red bags or red containers may be substituted for labels. [29 CFR 1910.1030(g)(1)(i)(E)].

Purpose:

To provide guidance on appropriate labels for medical waste containers.

Resource:

Medical & Biohazard Labels may be ordered from your waste hauler, medical supply company, or purchased online (ex: Amazon.com)

<https://store.stericycle.com/store/medical-accessories/medical-labels/>

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