



General Order

Department of Fire & EMS

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Subject: Hazardous Medical Waste

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Carroll County Department of Fire and EMS in conjunction with Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services has a hazardous medical waste program and recently we have seen a drastic increase in the amount of hazardous medical waste that has been delivered to the Public Safety Training Center. While this was expected due to changes at local hospitals, we need to address the proper disposal method for this waste. Our current contract only allows for three boxes per month, and we need to ensure these boxes are packaged and labeled correctly. Please follow the guidelines established to ensure that we are maximizing the amount of waste for our contract.

1. Only hazardous medical waste shall be placed in the Bio-Hazard bags.
2. All sharps shall be placed in an approved sharps container.
3. When the bags or sharps containers are full, they should be delivered to the public safety training center for disposal.
 - a. Sharps containers shall be sealed and closed when delivered.
 - b. All Bio-Hazard bags shall be tied in a single closure system at the top center of the bag.



4. All hazardous medical waste shall be placed in a standard Stericycle box and Bio-hazard bag.
5. Please do not seal the box. This will be handled by a representative from the PSTC
6. Please do not fill out pickup forms on the clip board as this will be also handled by PSTC staff.