



MEDICAL WASTE



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The County of San Bernardino Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) is proud to introduce our inaugural Medical Waste Newsletter! Published on a quarterly basis, the newsletter will feature articles and updates relevant to your daily operations as medical waste generators.

For our inaugural edition, we would like to notify you of recent changes in the [Medical Waste Management Act](#) (MWMA) which took effect January 2015. One major change in the MWMA is that Limited Quantity Hauling Exemption (LQHE) permit holders will no longer be required to obtain a health permit from DEHS. Instead, DEHS will defer to the United States (US) Department of Transportation regulations regarding transportation of medical waste, referenced in the [Code of Federal Regulations](#) (CFR, Title 49, Section, 172.200).



We have made some improvements to our [Medical Waste webpage](#) at www.SBCounty.gov/dph/dehs. We added more links to state and federal agencies (such as the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for information on Ebola), permitted medical waste treatment facilities and mail back systems, links to disposal of home generated sharps waste and more.

We hope you find this information helpful and useful. Should you have any medical waste questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact the DEHS Medical Waste Program at 800-442-2283.

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If you have any questions or comments, please contact Lana Cao or Marie Jean-Baptiste, Health Education Specialists, at 800-442-2283 We can also be reached by email at Lana.Cao@dph.sbcounty.gov or Marie.Jean-Baptiste@dph.sbcounty.gov.

We appreciate the effort you make to protect the public's health in our County.