

Medical waste and small business

Don't try to cut corners. If you are irresponsible, regulators can come after you and you may face legal liability and bad publicity.

Minimize waste production. To the extent practical, avoid generating waste.

Segregate waste. Keep hazardous and biological materials separate from regular non-hazardous waste.

Establish a collection system with color-coded storage containers - a separate color for each type of waste. That might only be two types of waste, depending on your business - for instance, general waste (called municipal solid waste) and infectious waste.

Keep records on how much waste you generate and when you generate it.

Avoid storing waste at your facility for too long.

Establish a working relationship with a medical waste disposal company.

You can control waste disposal costs with some thought.

