

**RULES REGARDING THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS
BIOMEDICAL (“RED BAG”) WASTE FROM COMMERCIAL BODY ART
FACILITIES**
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The following list delineates approved methods of disposal of Potentially Infectious Biomedical Waste (PIBW) generated by commercial body art facilities licensed in the state of Louisiana:

- (1) Removal by a Potentially Infectious Biomedical Waste disposal/transport company approved by the Department of Health and Hospitals^{*}; the following paperwork must be available for inspection by DHH representatives upon request: a copy of the current contract, a log of pickups including date and amount of waste, and a file of invoices for pickups
- (2) Transport to a licensed medical office/clinic/hospital with its own contract with a licensed Potentially Infectious Biomedical Waste transport/disposal company; the following paperwork must be available for inspection by DHH representatives upon request: a letter signed by the site administrator or his/her duly-authorized representative granting permission to translocate waste to said site, a copy of the site’s contract with the PIBW transport/disposal company, a log of dropoffs including date and amount of waste
- (3) Non-sharp Potentially Infectious Biomedical Waste must be double-bagged or otherwise containerized in such a way that if the integrity of the original container is compromised there will be no loss of contents. Sharps must be stored in a rigid, puncture-proof container which is then stored in a second container of sufficient size to completely enclose the original container. These items may then be stored on the premises **in a locked dumpster for no more than 30 days, by which time it must be removed by a municipal waste removal company or authority.**

Potentially Infectious Biomedical Waste stored on site for any period of time must be double-bagged for non-sharps waste and sharps must be contained as described in (3) above; such waste stored on-site must be located in a designated, locked area until such time as it is to be removed under the conditions described above.

Facilities that generate waste in excess of 55 pounds of non-sharps Potentially Infectious Biomedical Waste or 11 pounds of sharps must utilize either method (1) or method (2) above to dispose of such waste. Facilities generating less waste may employ method (3).

In no case shall any other method of Potentially Infectious Biomedical Waste disposal be utilized than those prescribed above without prior written authorization from the Sanitarian Program Manager for Commercial Body Art.

^{*}For a current list of approved transporters, visit the LDH Infectious Waste Program site here: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/building-and-premises-program>.