

Section 25

- 1) Medical waste may only be disposed of by a person -
 - a) who holds a permit to operate a hazardous waste site in terms of section 20 of the Environment Conservation Act, 73 of 1989, or who is authorised to incinerate medical waste by means of equipment which has been approved in terms of the Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Act, 45 of 1965, or both; and
 - b) who complies with all terms and conditions attached to such permit and authorisation.
- 2) A person permitted in terms of subsection (1) to dispose of medical waste must do so at the site at which the permit or authorisation, or both, permits him or her to dispose of medical waste and may not dispose of medical waste at any other place.
- 3) Persons who dispose of medical waste must -
 - a) maintain an up-to-date written record of each delivery of medical waste to the disposal site in the format as prescribed from time to time by the Council.
 - b) keep such record for a period of one year from the date on which the medical waste is disposed of.

medical waste includes –

- 1) *any waste, whether infected or not, resulting from a medical, surgical, veterinary or laboratory procedure on humans or animals, such as blood, body fluids, tissue, organs, body parts, extracted teeth, corpses (excluding corpses intended for burial in terms of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 51 of 1992);*
- 2) *used medical equipment and other medical material which is capable or is reasonably likely to be capable of causing or spreading disease or causing or spreading infection, such as used surgical dressings, swabs, blood bags, laboratory waste, blood collection tubes, colostomy- and catheter-bags; gloves, drip bags, administration lines and tongue depressers;*
- 3) *contaminated and uncontaminated sharps, including clinical items which can cause a cut or puncture or injection, such as needles, syringes, blades and microscope slides;*
- 4) *pharmaceutical products which have become outdated or contaminated or have been stored improperly or are no longer required, such as human and animal vaccines, medicines and drugs; genotoxic chemical waste and radio isotopes from experimental or diagnostic work or any other source.*