

Approved infectious waste vendors and systems

What is infectious waste?

Infectious waste poses an environmental danger due to its *biological* risk. **Pathological** waste also poses a *biological* risk and is regulated the same as infectious waste. Both are different from **hazardous** waste, which poses an environmental danger due to its *chemical* risk.

For more detailed discussion regarding identifying infectious and non-infectious wastes in Minnesota, see Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) fact sheet #w-sw4-30, Infectious waste guidance for generators, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-sw4-30.pdf>.

Approved infectious waste destination facilities

Regulated infectious waste may be:

- Transported to a storage or decontamination facility in Minnesota certified by the MPCA or to a facility in another state authorized by that state.
See [Table 1](#) below and [Table 2, Approved infectious waste transporters](#) on page 2.
- Transported for consolidation or treatment to another site operated by the generator.
- Treated on a site operated by the generator.
See [Table 3, Approved on-site infectious waste treatment systems](#) on page 3.
- If generated by a public and private school, ambulance service, or eligible public health service, transported to a licensed Minnesota hospital for disposal.
See MPCA fact sheet #w-sw4-30, Infectious waste guidance for generators, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-sw4-30.pdf>.

Table 1. Certified Minnesota infectious waste storage and decontamination facilities

Certification #	Facility	Address	Telephone
IW-701	Mayo Clinic Incinerator	7123 LC Dr SW, Rochester	507-284-9400
IW-702	Stericycle, Inc. – Winona	4640 Service Dr, Winona	855-980-5272
IW-708	Advanced Biological Industries	15622 135 th St, Foreston	320-294-5335
IW-709	Prairie Land of Minnesota	20323 St Francis Blvd, Anoka	763-753-5511
IW-714	WLSSD Western Lake Superior Sanitary District	2626 Courtland St, Duluth	218-722-3336
IW-717	Daniels Sharpshooters, Inc.	1087 Park Pl, Shakopee	888-952-5580
IW-720	Stericycle, Inc. – Eagan	1670 Meadowview Rd, Eagan	855-980-5272
IW-722	Stericycle, Inc. - Cloquet	1800 Cloquet Ave., Cloquet	855-980-5272

For more information on certified infectious waste facilities and the certification process, see MPCA fact sheet #w-sw4-32, Infectious waste storage and decontamination and facilities, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-sw4-32.pdf>.

Note: [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) include only those Minnesota infectious waste vendors that have chosen to accept general infectious waste. Additional certified facilities and registered transporters that only manage specialized infectious wastes under closed contracts operate in Minnesota. Contact the MPCA for facility and transporter identification. See [More information](#) on page 3.

Approved infectious waste transporters

All transportation of regulated infectious waste in Minnesota must be performed by a commercial infectious waste transporter registered with the MPCA, except:

- Generators transporting their own waste.
- Generators or a generator association transporting other generators' waste for free or at-cost.
- Shipments of household infectious waste, including household infectious waste voluntarily collected at businesses or government agencies.

All infectious waste transport must also comply with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR). In addition to MPCA Registration, transporters of infectious waste potentially contaminated with the Ebola virus may also be required to contact the DOT to obtain party status to a DOT special transporter permit. See [More information](#) on page 3.

For more information on registered infectious waste transporters and the registration process, including Ebola-related information, see MPCA fact sheet #w-sw4-31, Infectious waste transporters, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-sw4-31.pdf>.

Table 2. Registered Minnesota commercial infectious waste transporters

Registration #	Transporter	Telephone
IW-003	Health Care Environmental Services Inc. (HESI)	701-282-7373
IW-005	GRP & Associates	800-207-0976
IW-010	Veolia ES Technical Solutions LLC	973-691-7321
IW-101	Stericycle	855-980-5272
IW-115	Citicare, LLC	651-674-3100
IW-152	LB Medwaste Services	715-842-2048
IW-158	Prairie Land of Minnesota	763-753-5511
IW-160	Advanced Biological Industries	320-294-5335
IW-163	Clean Harbors	800-444-4244
IW-165	Sharps Compliance Inc. of Texas, doing business as Sharps, Inc.	877-627-9367
IW-166	Daniels Sharpsmart, Inc.	312-515-8912
IW-169	BioYork LLC	844-247-1353
IW-170	Logistics Recycling, Inc.	800-558-1166
IW-171	Mediwest Disposal LLC	844-633-4669
IW-172	Veterinary Hospitals Association	800-392-0446
IW-206	Medical Disposal Systems	952-445-7440
IW-306	Medical Waste Transport, Inc.	605-332-8718
IW-502	Northern Lights Medical Transport	218-729-5841
Exempt	U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Note: Generators shipping infectious waste via the USPS must comply with additional USPS requirements regarding packaging, labeling, and mail service type. See USPS Publication 52 at https://www.usps.com/ .	800-275-8777

Courier services and common carrier shipping companies are not registered commercial infectious waste transporters in Minnesota and may not be used to transport infectious waste generated by businesses or government agencies, including through the use of prepaid 'return-shipping' collection containers.

Approved on-site infectious waste treatment systems

Infectious waste generators may decontaminate infectious waste at their own sites.

- If the infectious waste does not contain sharps or any unevaluated or hazardous pharmaceuticals or laboratory wastes, no MPCA review or approval of the treatment system is needed; however, the generator remains responsible for verifying that the waste has been decontaminated before disposal.
- If the waste contains sharps, generators may only use one of the MPCA-approved on-site systems in Table 3 and must follow all the conditions of that approval. Obtain a copy of the system's MPCA approval and conditions from the distributor of the system.
- If the waste contains unevaluated or hazardous pharmaceuticals or laboratory wastes, generators may only use treatment systems that function in a fully enclosed container without venting or exhaust. Continue to manage the treated waste as hazardous waste unless you have specifically evaluated it as non-hazardous after treatment. For more information about on-site treatment of hazardous waste, see MPCA fact sheet #w-hw1-06, Treat or dispose of hazardous waste, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-hw1-06.pdf>.

Table 3. Approved Minnesota on-site infectious waste treatment systems for sharps

Approval #	System	Distributor
IW-801	Ozonator NG-1000	Ozonator Industries
IW-802	Demolizer II	Consolidated Biomedical Solutions, Inc.; formerly distributed by BioMedical Technology Solutions
IW-809	Clean Waste Systems OMW-1000	Clean Waste Systems
IW-814	Thermal Eliminator TE-5000	Bluestone Medical, doing business as On-Site Waste Technologies
IW-815	Sterilis Solutions S220va	Sterilis Solutions LLC

For more information on on-site infectious waste treatment systems and the approval process, see MPCA fact sheet #w-sw4-33, Infectious waste treatment on-site, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-sw4-33.pdf>.

More information

Guidance and requirements in this fact sheet were compiled from Minnesota Statutes, Chapter § 116, and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7035. Visit the Office of the Revisor of Statutes at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs> to review the Minnesota Statutes and Rules.

For more information on hazardous waste, see the MPCA hazardous waste publications website at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/hazardous-waste-documents-and-forms>.

Address questions regarding the Bloodborne Pathogens standard (BBP) to Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health (MNOSHA). Address questions regarding the HMR to the DOT.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Minnesota Technical Assistance Program

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Minnesota Occupational Safety & Health Division of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

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