

Infectious Waste

Approved waste management vendors and systems in Minnesota

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: Management Guidance for Generators, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-sw4-30.pdf>.

Approved infectious waste destination facilities

Infectious waste must either be treated on the site where it is generated or transported to a storage, decontamination, or disposal facility in Minnesota certified by the MPCA or to a facility in another state authorized by its state of location. See [Table 3, Approved on-site infectious waste treatment systems](#) on page three and [Table 2, Approved infectious waste transporters](#) on page two.

Certain infectious waste generators, including public and private schools, ambulance services, and public health services, may instead transport their waste to a licensed Minnesota hospital in lieu of an MPCA-certified facility. See MPCA fact sheet #w-sw4-30, Infectious Waste: Management Guidance for Generators, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-sw4-30.pdf> for more information.

Table 1. Certified Minnesota infectious waste storage, decontamination, and disposal 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	888-938-4351
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 SharpSmart, Inc.	1087 Park Pl, Shakopee	888-952-5580
IW-719	Stericycle, Inc. – Hermantown	5819 Highway 2, Hermantown	888-938-4351
IW-720	Stericycle, Inc. – Eagan	1670 Meadowview Rd, Eagan	888-938-4351

For more information on certified infectious waste facilities and the certification process, see MPCA fact sheet #w-sw4-32, Infectious Waste: Management Guidance for Storage, Decontamination and Disposal Facilities, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-sw4-32.pdf>.

Note to regulatory staff: Tables 1 and 2 include only those certified Minnesota infectious waste storage, decontamination, and disposal facilities and registered commercial infectious waste transporters that have previously chosen to accept general infectious waste from other generators. Additional certified facilities and registered transporters that only manage specialized infectious wastes on closed contract bases exist in Minnesota. Contact the MPCA for facility and transporter identification. See [More information](#) on page 3.

Approved infectious waste transporters

Generators of infectious waste may transport their own infectious waste to another site they own or to an MPCA-certified storage, decontamination, or disposal facility. Certain generators, including only public and private schools, ambulance services, and public health services, may also transport their infectious waste to a licensed Minnesota hospital.

Generators or groups of generators may also transport other generators' infectious waste at-cost or without charge to these same facilities. All other transportation of infectious waste in Minnesota must only be performed by a commercial infectious waste transporter registered with the MPCA.

Table 2. Registered Minnesota commercial infectious waste transporters

Registration #	Transporter	Telephone
IW-003	Health Care Environmental Services Inc.	701-282-7374
IW-005	GRP and Associates	641-357-2566
IW-005	Choice Medical	888-858-1629
IW-010	Veolia ES Technical Solutions LLC	973-691-7321
IW-101	Stericycle	888-938-4351
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-159	Street Fleet	612-623-9999
IW-160	Advanced Biological Industries	320-294-5335
IW-163	Clean Harbors	800-444-4244
IW-166	Daniels Sharpsmart, Inc.	312-515-8912
IW-206	Medical Disposal Systems	952-445-7440
IW-306	Medical Waste Transport, Inc.	605-332-8718
IW-403	Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest LLC	507-281-5850
IW-502	Northern Lights Medical Transport	218-729-5841
Exempt	U.S. Postal Service	800-275-8777

Reminder: 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 from businesses or government agencies, including through the use of prepaid 'return-shipping' collection containers.

Note: Transporters of infectious waste potentially contaminated with the Ebola virus may also be required to obtain party status to a special transport permit from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

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: Management Guidance for Transporters, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-sw4-31.pdf>.

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 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	BioMedical Technology Solutions
IW-803	Clean Waste Systems OMW-1000	Clean Waste Systems
IW-814	Thermal Eliminator TE-5000	Bluestone Medical, doing business as On-Site Waste Technologies

For more information on on-site infectious waste treatment systems and the approval process, see MPCA fact sheet #w-sw4-33, Infectious Waste: Management Guidance for On-site Treatment, 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 Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

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