

**Guidelines for collection, transportation and disposal
of suspected COVID-19 waste and solid waste from
quarantined homes and containment areas.**

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- 1)** The facemasks, hand gloves and other protective equipment used by the citizens, health workers, laboratory personnel dealing with/from the quarantined households shall be collected separately in yellow plastic bags with biohazard symbol and marked as "COVID-19 Waste".
- 2)** The 'Yellow' bags will be handed over to the BioMedical Waste Common Treatment Facility (CTF) operator after spraying disinfectant at the point of generation.
- 3)** The 'Yellow' bag waste shall be collected and transported by the CTF operator through dedicated vehicle for treatment at CTF.
- 4)** The officer in charge of Urban local body and CTF shall maintain the records of handing over of such 'Yellow' bag waste and CTF operator shall share the disposal records on daily basis to MPCB web portal.
- 5)** The other Municipal Waste generated from quarantined homes/area will be collected in 'Black' bags after on-site disinfection.
- 6)** The on-site disinfected 'Black' bag waste shall be collected and transported through small closed vehicles to the designated Municipal Solid Waste landfill site. The vehicles after unloading shall be sanitized thoroughly after every use.
- 7)** At the landfill site, such waste will be sprayed with Sodium Hypochlorite/ other approved surface cleaner and same shall be buried deep in a trench of 2m x 1m x 1m (L x B x D) and same shall be covered with the same excavated material.
- 8)** The personnel handling 'Yellow' and 'Black' bags shall be provided with personal protectives and sufficient disinfectant at both the point of generation and disposal.