

# MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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**Ref.** : MPCB/ MS/PSO/ BMW/ COVID-19/03\_2020.

**Date.** 4<sup>th</sup> April.,2020

To,  
**Principal Secretary,**  
Urban Development Department,  
Govt. Of Maharashtra, Mantralaya,  
Mumbai.

Sir,

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

- Ref.** :
1. Biomedical Waste Management Rules 2016, as amended
  2. CPCB Guidelines dates 17.03.2020 for handling biomedical waste generated during the treatment of COVID-19
  3. MPCB Guidelines for Management of BMW Contaminated /Suspected to Contaminated with COVID-19 dated 20.03.2020
  4. Advisory from Jt. Secretary and Mission Director, Swacch Bharat Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt. Of India dated 26.03.2020

In view of the Biomedical Waste Management Rules 2016 and amendments thereof, the biomedical waste generated from the hospitals shall be collected and disposed in accordance with the procedure specified, within 48 hours by the CBWTF. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) also issued specific guidelines to handle biomedical waste generated during the treatment of COVID-19.

The MPCB has authorised total 30 Common Bio Medical Waste Treatment Facilities (BMW CTFs) to cater all the health care establishments / hospitals operating in the state. They are collecting the biomedical waste from the hospitals on daily basis. These dedicated vehicles are marked with "Bio-Hazard" Symbol and Facility Operators Name & other details.

Due to the prevailing situation, the state government is identifying the COVID-19 infected/suspected persons and also declaring larger areas as quarantined/contained. MPCB has issued guidelines for safe management of suspected waste which might have been infected with COVID-19 virus.

Subsequently, an advisory is been issued by the Mission Director, SBM, GOI for safe disposal of waste from quarantined households.

However, it has felt necessary to issue a simplified guideline for management of Municipal Solid Waste and Biomedical waste from quarantined households and containment areas in line with CPCB & MPCB guidelines.

Therefore, guidelines prepared by MPCB may please be communicated to all ULBs concerned in the state for safe management of Municipal solid waste and Biomedical waste from the home quarantined/containment areas (**copy enclosed**) and ensure safety of public in general and personnel involved in management of waste in particular.

Look forward for your earliest consideration and necessary action.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

  
**E. Ravendiran IAS**  
Member Secretary  
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai.

Encl. As above

**Copy submitted to:**

- 1) Hon'ble Chairman, MPCB, Mumbai
- 2) Principal Secretary, Environment/ Public Health, GOM, Mumbai
- 3) Commissioner, Public Health GOM, Mumbai
- 4) Divisional Commissioner, Konkan/ Pune/ Nagpur/ Aurangabad/ Nashik/ Amaravati

**Copy to:**

- 1) District Collector/ All Dist. Supdt. Of Police/ All Civil Surgeon – For information and n. a.
- 2) Principal Scientific Officer, MPCB (HQ), Mumbai – for information and necessary co-ordination with Regional Officer MPCB and BMW CTF Operators

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- 1) Regional Officers, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, - For n.a