

Regulatory Overview of Medical Waste in Kentucky As of 6-21-2019

State Agency	Regulation(s) – General requirements related to medical waste characterization, treatment, handling, transport and disposal.
Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection Division of Waste Management 502-564-6716	<p>401 KAR 47:080 – Establishes the permitting requirements for solid waste facilities including types of waste that may be accepted at contained landfills.</p> <p>401 KAR 47:110 – Requires owners of Medical Transfer Stations to complete a Registered-Permit-By-Rule application and obtain a permit. The registration becomes effective after 30 days unless the cabinet denies the registration.</p> <p>401 KAR 49:080 -- Requires haulers of municipal solid waste, including medical waste haulers, to register with and report annually to any county in which they do business.</p>
Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection Division for Air Quality 502-564-3999	<p>401 KAR 59:020 and 401 KAR 61:010 – Requires owners of medical waste incinerators to obtain a special permit prior to conducting medical waste incineration. Establishes the standards of performance for medical incinerators for the prevention, abatement, and control of air pollution.</p>
Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Inspector General 502-564-7963 Kentucky Department for Public Health 502-564-7398	<p>902 KAR 20:016, 902 KAR 20:073, 902 KAR 20:101 902 KAR 20:260, 902 KAR 20:275, 902 KAR 20:300, 902 KAR 20:410 and 902 KAR 45:065 –</p> <p>Requires health care facilities including, but not limited to hospitals and nursing facilities, to segregate sharps and have specified wastes incinerated or rendered nonhazardous prior to disposal. Please refer to detailed regulations listed above to find out the requirements for medical waste generated at clinics, ambulatory surgical centers, specialized medical technology services, special health clinics, mobile health services, specialty intermediate care clinics and tattooing businesses.</p>
Kentucky Labor Cabinet 502-564-3070	<p>Occupational safety and health standards require procedures to protect workers. OSHA’s <u>Bloodborne Pathogens Standards</u>, in particular, impact various aspects of medical/infectious waste, including management of sharps, requirements for containers that hold or store medical/infectious waste, labeling of medical/infectious waste bags/containers, and employee training.</p>
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet 502-564-1257	<p>KRS 174.450 - Requires anyone who transports solid waste to a landfill, other than from a private residence, to register with the Transportation Cabinet.</p>