

**15A NCAC 13B .1202 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL WASTE**

- (a) Medical waste is subject to all applicable rules in 15A NCAC 13B.
- (b) At the generating facility, sharps shall be placed in a container which is rigid, leak-proof when in an upright position and puncture-resistant. Contained sharps shall not be compacted prior to off-site transportation. After leaving the generating facility, the container and its contents shall be handled in a manner that avoids human contact with the sharps.
- (c) Blood and body fluids in individual containers of 20 ml or less which are not stored in a secured area restricted to authorized personnel prior to off-site transportation shall be packaged in accordance with the regulated medical waste packaging requirements as described in Rule .1204(a)(1) of this Section or in a container suitable for sharps. Containers of blood and body fluids which are packaged in accordance with Rule .1204(a)(1) of this Section or in a container suitable for sharps as required by this Rule shall not be compacted prior to off-site transportation.
- (d) Regulated medical waste shall not be compacted.

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