COVID-19 WASTE MANAGEMENT – DO’S & DON’TS
(Urban Local Bodies)

Do’s

- Arrange collection of biomedical waste from every quarantine centers/camps, home quarantine and home-cares.
- Provide yellow coloured bags to the persons operating Quarantine Camp and to care takers of homecare.
- Identify a Common Biomedical Waste Treatment and Disposal Facility (CBWTF) for collection of biomedical waste from quarantine centers / home-cares from designated locations.
- Share details of ULBs with Quarantine Camps / Quarantine Homes / Home-Cares State Pollution Control Boards / Pollution Control Committees to facilitate disposal of biomedical waste.
- Provide necessary support and security to waste handlers of CBWTF while collection of biomedical waste.
- Establish common waste deposition centers (as stipulated under SWM Rules, 2016) for receiving / collection of biomedical waste. Provide adequate Personnel Protective Equipment (PPEs) such as three layer masks, splash proof aprons/gowns, heavy-duty gloves, gum boots and safety goggles to workers involved in handling of COVID-19 biomedical waste.
- Form a dedicated team of workers for collection of waste from quarantine centers or home care.
- Arrange regular awareness programs and training to the workers engaged in Solid waste handling.
- Ensure dedicated trolleys / cart / vehicles are used for collection of waste and ensure regular sanitization with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution after every trip of collecting biomedical waste from home care / home quarantine.

Don’ts

- Never mix general solid waste with biomedical waste at quarantine centre / quarantine home / home-care.
- Workers of ULBs shall never deny collection of waste from quarantine center / quarantine home / home-care.
- Never store biomedical waste at waste deposition center / collection point for more than 24 hrs, the same should be immediately handed over to CBWTF for final disposal.
- Never send worker without PPEs for collection of waste from quarantine center / quarantine home / home-care.
- Don’t use the trolley / cart dedicated for collection COVID-19 biomedical waste for collection of general waste.