

NO.MPCB/BMW-5/2019-2020/ 107

Dtd. Shillong, the 19th August, 2020.

Public Notice

Instances of the Bio-Medical Waste and COVID-19 Bio-medical Waste (PPE, Mask, Gloves) disposed off haphazardly into the environment and thereby posing health hazard and adverse impact to the environment have come to notice.

Therefore it is hereby notified that all the **Health care facilities** (hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, dispensaries, veterinary institutions, animal houses, pathological laboratories, pharmacies, blood banks, ayush hospitals, clinical establishments, research or educational institutions, health camps, medical or surgical camps, vaccination camps, blood donation camps, first aid rooms of schools, forensic laboratories and research labs.), and the **Urban Local Bodies** ought to strictly follow the norms and standards as laid down in the **Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 and its amendments** for generating, collecting, receiving, storing, transporting, treatment or processing or conversion, recycling, disposing or destruction, use, offering for sale, transfer and/or handling bio-medical waste and COVID-19 Bio-medical waste in any manner and as well as the **“Guidelines for Handling, Treatment and Disposal of Waste Generated during Treatment/Diagnosis/Quarantine of COVID-19 Patients-Revision-4”**.

Further, the Board appeal to all the **General Public** to adhere to environmentally sound management of **USED MASK, GLOVES and PPE in accordance with the “Guidelines for Handling, Treatment and Disposal of Waste Generated during Treatment/Diagnosis/Quarantine of COVID-19 Patients-Revision-4”** issued by the Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi as indicated below:

“Waste masks and gloves in general households should be kept in paper bag for a minimum of 72 hours prior to disposal of the same as dry general solid waste after cutting the same to prevent reuse”.

“Discarded PPEs from general public at commercial establishments, shopping malls, institutions, offices, etc. should be stored in separate bin for 3 days, thereafter disposed of as dry general solid waste after cutting/shredding”.

“Used masks from visitors to crematorium/ graveyards including crematorium staff should be collected in separate bins and stored for 72 hours prior to disposal as dry general solid waste through local bodies”.

Through this public notice, strict adherence to the above guidelines to avoid any adverse effects on human health and the Environment due to **COVID-19** pandemic is sought for.

MEMBER SECRETARY

Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board
Shillong

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Copy to:-

1. The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Forest and Environment Deptt., Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of information.
2. The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills/West Khasi Hills/ South West Khasi Hills /Ri-Bhoi/East Jaintia Hills/West Jaintia Hills /East Garo Hills/West Garo Hills/South Garo Hills/ South West Garo Hills /North Garo Hills District for favour of information and wide publicity in the District.
3. The Director of Health Services (MI)/ Health Services (MCH&FW)/ Health Services (Research), Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of information.
4. The Director of Urban Affairs, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of information.
5. The C.E.O., Shillong/Jowai/Tura/Williamnagar/Resubelpara/Baghmara Municipal Boards/ Shillong Cantonment Board for favour of information and necessary action.
6. The Director of Information & Public Relations, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong with a request to publish this Notice in one issue of 2 (two) English local Daily, 2(two) local language (Khasi, Garo, Jaintia) Dailies and submit the in triplicate to the undersigned for necessary payment.
7. Website of the Board.


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