

**TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board is continuously monitoring all the Health care Facilities (HCFs) and the Common Biomedical Waste Treatment and Disposal Facilities (CBMWTFs) for effective implementation of the Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016 as amended in 2018.

TNPCB is also initiating action against the HCFs and the CBMWTFs such as issue of Directions for closure and stoppage of power supply and levy of Environmental Compensation, if found violating the BMW Rules, 2016 as amended.

However, recently, it is noticed that, frequent complaints are being received and news are being published in the Newspapers regarding the dumping of the biomedical waste such as the discarded and the expired medicines.

As per the BMW Rules, 2016, the Bio-medical waste generated in households such as expired medicines, broken mercury thermometers, used needles and syringes and contaminated gauge, etc., during healthcare activities shall be segregated as per these rules and handed over in separate bags or containers to municipal waste collectors.

Further, the distributors/ stockist of the medicines shall hand over the expired/ discarded medicines to the manufacturers or shall dispose scientifically as per the BMW Rules, 2016. No waste shall go unauthorized or mixed with any other solid waste. In case of violation, stringent action will be initiated by the local bodies against the violators.

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