**Mail-Back Systems for Medical Waste Disposal**

Dentists have options when disposing of medical waste, consisting of red-bag waste and contaminated sharps, generated in their offices. Many states allow medical waste generators to use approved mail-back systems for medical waste disposal, which provide a simple, economical alternative to using a medical waste transporter. Mail-back systems provide special approved packaging in which generators can dispose of their medical waste. Check your state’s medical waste requirements for approved mail-back systems available in your state.

***For our OSHA Review Subscribers…*** In California, mail-back systems must have approval from the [California Department of Public Health](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste/Pages/default.aspx). Click here for a list of current approved mail-back systems.