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# NATIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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## NSWMC Resolution No. 1429, Series of 2021

**RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE YELLOW BINS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PREMISES FOR THE PROPER STORAGE OF HOUSEHOLD HEALTH CARE WASTES AND TO COORDINATE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORT, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF SUCH WASTES**

**WHEREAS**, to prevent the spread and transmission of disease, a national policy was enacted for the implementation and exercise of minimum health standards and hygienic practices including the mandatory wearing of facial masks and which were usually disposed of as part of the general waste and which ultimately ended up mixed with the municipal waste stream.

**WHEREAS**, the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC), in order to ensure the effective management of COVID-19 related health care wastes has issued NSWMC Resolution No. 1364, Series of 2020 Adopting the Interim Guidelines on the Management of COVID-19 related health care wastes;

**WHEREAS**, said Resolution aims to provide the guidelines on the proper handling and management of all COVID-19 related health care waste generated from all households, offices, schools, churches and other facilities deemed as safe shelters, which temporarily house frontliners, public markets, commercial and industrial source, and the like, including guidelines on ensuring the occupational health and safety of workers;

**WHEREAS**, under Section IV (c) of NSWMC Resolution No. 1364, all COVID-19 related wastes including but not limited to used face masks, cottons, tissue papers, testing kits, etc. shall be considered as infectious and contaminated health care wastes;

**WHEREAS**, under Section V b (ii), Infectious wastes shall be stored in yellow plastic bags/container bins or transparent storage bags/container bins properly labelled as such;

**WHEREAS**, the storage of health care wastes in yellow bins shall be in accordance with the Department of Health's Health Care Waste Management Manual (i.e. leak proof and with cover yellow container or plastic bags or properly labeled container/bags);

**FURTHER**, used face masks and used surgical gloves are to be considered as health care wastes and shall not be mixed with the regular household wastes;

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, in order to protect the health of the government employees and their clients, and to ensure the effective management of these COVID-19 related wastes/household health care wastes/infectious wastes in their respective premises, all the National Government Agencies are enjoined to provide sufficient number of leak proof and with cover yellow bins in strategic areas for the temporary storage and initial disinfection of these COVID-19 related health care wastes and to coordinate with their local government units, building administrator (if NGA is renting), and hauler the proper collection, management, transport, treatment and disposal of these wastes in accordance with the environmental requirements.

**APPROVED** on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021.

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