

**15A NCAC 18A .1316 SOLID WASTES: PREMISES MEDICAL WASTES**

- (a) All solid wastes containing food scraps or other putrescible materials shall be kept in leak-proof, non-absorbent containers which shall be kept covered with tight-fitting lids when not in use.
- (b) Refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be stored in containers, rooms, or areas designated for the storage of refuse, recyclables, and returnables.
- (c) The designated rooms and containers described in Paragraph (b) of this Rule shall have the capacity to store the institution's refuse, recyclables, and returnables and shall be kept clean. Cleaning facilities for containers used to store food scraps, putrescible materials, refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be provided.
- (d) An institution's exterior premises, including parking lots, lawns, and walkways, and interior premises within the institution's building or buildings, shall be kept free of garbage, solid waste, yard trash, and pest harborages.
- (e) Medical wastes shall be handled and disposed of as required in North Carolina "Solid Waste Management Rules" 15A NCAC 13B .1200.

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