

Instructions: Complete an entry for every medical waste treatment cycle. Only medical waste needs to be logged in this form. Use one sterilization log per autoclave.

- The Medical Waste Management Act requires a 30-minute cycle at 121 degrees Celsius, at minimum, depending on the size and weight of the load. The heat up time and cool down time must not be included as part of the 30-minute treatment cycle. *
- Document the type of waste treated in the cycle. NO PATHOLOGY, TRACE CHEMOTHERAPY, or PHARMACEUTICAL may be treated via steam sterilization.
- Indicate the change in color of the autoclave tape or heat indicator placed on each sharps container and biohazardous bag.
- Water content may not need to be documented if the sterilizer is directly plumbed into a water source that replenishes the necessary amount of water for normal operation.
- Indicate the total weight treated during each cycle. DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM LOAD WEIGHT, AS INDICATED IN THE TREATMENT APPLICATION. Steam sterilizers are not approved to conduct treatment cycles where the weight has exceeded the weight included in the Medical Waste Validation Protocol.

Refer to Health and Safety Code 118215 (a)(2) for steam sterilization procedures and information.