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## Smaller units, greater hazard

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PUNE: Though the total amount of biomedical waste (BMW) generated by the smaller hospitals in the city is far more than the large ones, the smaller hospitals do not seem to be aware of the guidelines for disposing BMW.

This has emerged in a study undertaken by the city-based Centre for Environment Education (CEE). Several hospitals still do from other waste, said Sanskriti Menon, officer-in-chief, CEE.

Speaking to TNN, Pune Municipal Corporation's chief health officer, Pramod Dhaigude, however, claimed that 99 per cent of the waste generated in the city was separately processed.

"We provide biodegradable plastic bags to all hospitals in the city. The quantity of BMW generated is directly proportional to the admitted in the hospitals," he said.

The PMC generates the BMW collected in city hospitals at three special incinerators near Sangam bridge, which treat 50 kg of

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