

## Courtney McNair

---

**From:** lucy6039@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019 9:24 AM  
**To:** Courtney McNair  
**Subject:** Opposition to allow the use of STERICYCLE, operating under "Shred It," a medical waste facility, to occupy 181 S. Mantegani Springdale, Arkansas

Dear Tontitown City Council Board Members,

We, as residents of Tontitown, absolutely oppose the proposed Stericycle facility (umbrellaed under the name of "Shred-It") A "medical waste (including 'some' Hazardous Waste)" being located at 181 S. Mantegani Rd. Springdale, AR. Adjacent to residential housing, across a side road to commercial office space, an event place (both of which serve food to possibly unknowing patrons & employees), etc.. The Stericycle Facility in no possible way needs to be located adjacent to residential multi-family homes to cause unduly stress to your residents (multiple) to accommodate & benefit one resident receiving income for leasing her building. "A **hazardous waste** is a **waste** with a chemical composition or other properties that make it capable of causing illness, death, or some other harm to humans and other life forms when mismanaged or released into the environment."

Listed below are some, but not all of the reasons why we feel this way:

- 
- History shows property value will drop. No one wants to live next to a Medical/Hazardous waste storage facility. A simple google search, searching the company, or any other minimal research will reveal that our home is located by such a place, should this pass. We've worked our whole lives to pay for our home & make a safe environment for our children.
- 
- 
- The roads will NOT accommodate "8-12 trucks & trailers" plus "walk-in business" all week. Two cars will barely fit much less large delivery trucks/18 wheelers running from 5:00 AM to 6:00 P.M.. Which is why they need to be in an INDUSTRIAL area, not adjacent to residential. Our ONLY access in/out of our home is on S. Mantegani.
- 
- 
- 5:00 A.M. is quite early and continuing transports 13 hours to 6:00 P.M. is excessive for a mostly residential & office space area.
- 
- 
- Transferring Medical/Hazardous Waste "from local trucks to tractor trailers inside the building" for those 13 hours seems like human error could occur.
- 
- 
- A simple search indicates that this company has had a public history of unethical practices, including class action lawsuits, which in my opinion, leads me to believe that when there is a spill, due to human error, which is inevitable they might be inclined to delay notification or, in our opinion, offer no notification creating an environmental hazard to our children, pets, property...possibly waiting until it's too late to be treated & not notified. The RISK is just too great. Would you be willing to take that risk with your family? Most would say no.

- 
- 
- They've also had environmental violations, which happens, but also why hazardous waste companies are not normally allowed to be adjacent to a residential areas. Why they're even considered for this is puzzling. Lets hope their "spill kit" is available & the employing is adequately trained to use it & any possible " Radioactive Waste" is put in a proper lead box, not leaking, & marked appropriately. Would you want to live next to that risk? We do not.
- 
- 
- Another major concern, besides this particular companies process, is the expansion/construction of their driveway. Who & how is it going to be regulated. The original developer, a couple of years ago, really caused us a lot of unnecessary stress & anguish. For example, we came home to our fence torn down (no notification), adjacent property in a mess, animals out (one of which died), trees/grass/shrubs on our property line destroyed, weeks of burn piles placed on our property line, smoke billowing in our house, smoke alarms going off, one child having breathing issues, forced to stay inside our house for several weeks during our & our kid's time off during summer, not enjoying our property, replacing the fence only to have it damaged & much more. . All of which I have pictures & some videos from our home security system. I feel we were very passive in that situation when we did not have to be. Is that going to be a repeat?
- 
- 
- Since the building at 181 S Mantegani was built our street floods causing it to back up into our driveway creating a muddy mess. Damaging our vehicles & having added expenses to have our driveway redone multiple times. Trash & other debri flows down through the ditch. If there were a contamination issue this would compound it spreading it rather quickly to other properties including throughout our driveway & mailbox area.
- 

On a final note I would like to leave the board members with this question. Would you want to live next door to this establishment? Would you want your children, family, & pets next to this? Would you feel comfortable watching your children playing & walking in the grass? Do you think your property value would go up or down? Would someone be likely to buy your house that you worked hard for next to this establishment when they find out out it's "Medical Waste (including 'SOME' Hazardous Waste)? Below is copied from a site that breaks down what medical waste actually is, since this company did not provide your citizens an adequate description of such. Please read through what is likely, possibly to be stored in the building in the front of our property & what we will pass multiple times a day, along with our new teen drivers.

"Biohazard waste is short for biohazardous waste and is also known as biomedical waste. Biohazard waste is any biological waste that is potentially infectious. The Hazard Awareness and Management Manual (HAMM) of Environment Health & Safety (EHS) outlines the types of biohazard waste as follows:

- 
- **human blood and its components**, in liquid or semi-liquid form, dried or not
- 
- 
- **human bodily fluids** (including semen, vaginal secretions, cerebral spinal fluid, synovial fluid, pleural fluid, pericardial fluid, peritoneal fluid, amniotic fluid, and saliva), in liquid or semi-liquid form, dried or not
- 
-

- **human pathological waste:** all human tissues, organs, and body parts
- 
- 
- **animal waste:** all animal carcasses and body parts
- 
- 
- **microbiological waste:** laboratory waste containing infectious agents (including discarded specimen cultures, stocks of etiologic agents, discarded live and attenuated viruses, wastes from the production of biologicals and serums, disposable culture dishes, and devices used to transfer, inoculate and mix cultures)
- 
- 
- **sharps waste:** sharp medical utensils such as scalpels, needles, glass slides, lancets, glass pipettes, broken glass that have been contaminated with potentially infectious material
- 

According to the World Health Organization, of all waste generated by healthcare activities, 85% is general, non-hazardous waste but the remaining 15% is hazardous and may be infectious, toxic, or radioactive. Biomedical waste is generated by:

- 
- **healthcare facilities** (hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, physician offices, dentist offices, home health care facilities)
- 
- 
- **medical research laboratories / centers** (including animal research & testing laboratories and schools & universities)
- 
- 
- **mortuary & autopsy centers and funeral homes**
- 
- 
- **blood banks and collection services**
- 
- 
- **jails and prisons**
- 
- 
- **casinos**
- 
- 
- **veterinarian offices, animal shelters, and animal hospitals**
- 

Biohazard waste can also be present at the scene of a violent crime, industrial accident, trauma, or suicide. “

The Scotts

235 S. Mantegani

Springdale, AR