

OPTIONS FOR PROPER NEEDLE DISPOSAL

The following Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Facilities accept home-generated sharps/needles in approved containers from San Bernardino County residents. Replacement containers available at facilities listed below:

SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408
San Bernardino International Airport
2824 East 'W' Street
Monday – Friday, 9AM to 4PM

ONTARIO, CA 91761
1430 South Cucamonga Avenue
Friday & Saturday, 9AM to 2PM

BIG BEAR LAKE, CA 92315
Public Service Yard
42040 Garstin Drive
Saturday, 9AM to 2PM

HESPERIA, CA 92340
Hesperia Fire Station
17443 Lemon Street
Tuesday & Thursday, 9AM to 1PM
Saturday, 9AM to 3PM

JOSHUA TREE, CA 92252
West of Transportation/Flood Control Bldg.
62499 Twentynine Palms Highway
3rd Saturday, 9AM to 1PM

APPLE VALLEY, CA 92308
22411 Highway 18
1st & 3rd Saturday, 10AM to 2PM

BARSTOW, CA 92311
City of Barstow Corporation Yard
900 South Avenue 'H'
Saturday, 9AM to 2PM

VICTORVILLE, CA 92392
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds
East of Desert Knoll Drive on Loves Lane
Wednesday & Sunday, 9AM to 4PM

The following facility accepts home-generated sharps/needles in approved containers from all San Bernardino County residents, as well as offers replacement containers: **San Bernardino County Public Health Lab (909) 383-3000**
799 East Rialto Ave., San Bernardino, Monday – Friday, 8AM to 5PM

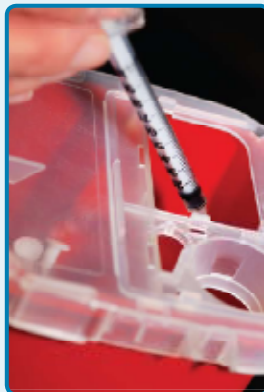
CALL 1-800-OILY CAT (645-9228) FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON PROPER DISPOSAL OF HOME-GENERATED SHARPS/NEEDLES.

Also available are disposal options for residents within the following City limits:

City of Fontana (909) 350-6789
City of Rancho Cucamonga (909) 919-2635
City of Redlands (909) 798-7600
City of Rialto (909) 820-2657
City of Upland (909) 931-4180

For residents within the following Counties, contact:

Riverside County (800) 304-2226
Los Angeles County (800) 988-6942
Orange County (714) 834-4000



A Guide to Syringe Disposal



*Protect Yourself... Protect Your Family
Protect Animals... Protect Others
Safe Options for Home Needle Disposal*



DISPOSING OF YOUR SYRINGES

Effective September 1, 2008, State law makes it illegal to dispose of sharps (hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, and lancets) in the trash or recycling bin, or composting bins.



All needles should be treated as if they carry a disease. That means that if someone gets stuck with a needle, they could get infected with a disease that may be on the needle. Therefore, they would have to get extensive medical tests and worry about whether they have caught a harmful or deadly disease. You have the power to prevent a situation like this simply by safely disposing of your used sharps. Do not place others at risk when safe alternatives are currently available.

WHY ARE NEEDLES DANGEROUS?

They can injure people, can spread germs (hepatitis and HIV/AIDS), damage recycling equipment, and require people to be tested for years from HIV and hepatitis if they are stuck.

To avoid needle sticks at home and protect garbage and recycling workers, DON'T do the following:

- DON'T** throw used needles, syringes, or lancets in the garbage/trash, whether at home or away from home.
- DON'T** put needles in recycling containers.
- DON'T** flush needles down the toilet.
- DON'T** put needles into used plastic milk jugs, bleach or soda bottles.
- DON'T** handle someone else's syringe.
- DON'T** overfill sharps containers.
- DON'T** place non-sharps items in your sharps containers (pills, wound dressings, surgical instruments and other large metal parts, hard, heavy plastics, glass, fabric, thermometers).

To properly and legally dispose of needles, DO the following:



- DO** use only an approved sharps container for sharps disposal.
- DO** obtain an approved container and transfer sharps before transport and disposal.
- DO** place a secure lid on the sharps container.
- DO** check with your HHW Program to verify Home Generated Sharps Collection sites.
- DO** ask your local HHW Program for clarification on sharps management and disposal, if necessary.

SAFE PACKAGING

The safest and required method to package your sharps is in an approved red or clear sharps container. The sharps container is puncture-resistant and, once sealed, cannot spill. This container is considered full when it has been filled to three quarters of its capacity. At this point, the container should be permanently sealed and returned to a disposal location as soon as possible. At that time a new container should be obtained.



TRAVELING WITH NEEDLES

Don't forget, safe needle disposal is important no matter where you are — at home, at work, or on the road. Never place used needles in the trash on airplanes, in hotel rooms, or in public restrooms.

Be prepared — ask about options for safe needle disposal when you make travel reservations. If you aren't sure that needle containers will be available when you're going, be sure to buy a needle container that can hold your used needles until you can properly dispose of them.

Containers can also be purchased at your local:

Walgreens • Wal-Mart • Rite Aid • Target with pharmacy

Consider using a "Mail-Back" service for proper disposal. You may also purchase the mail-back containers online. The following are mail-back services approved by the California Department of Public Health (*fees apply*).

EnviroMed Safety & Compliance
(877) 340-2430
www.enviromedinc.com

GRP & Associates
(800) 207-0976
www.sharpsdisposal.com

Sharps Compliance, Inc.
SCI Mail Sharps Disposal System
(800) 772-5657
www.sharpsinc.com

Stericycle, Inc.
(800) 355-8773 or (800) 527-0666
www.stericycle.com

Medasend, Inc.
(800) 200-3581
www.medasend.com

