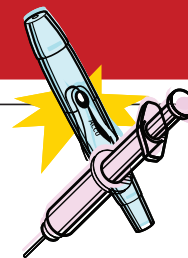


A Guide to Sharps Disposal

Protect Yourself, Protect Others. Safe Options for Home Needle Disposal.

Sharps include hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other devices that are used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications used in the care of people and animals. Once the syringe is no longer with the needle and no longer capable of piercing the skin, it can be disposed in the garbage assuming it's home-generated waste.



Free home sharps containers

Free gallon and quart size sharps waste containers are now available at the Household Toxics Facility. Limit one container per household user, while supplies last.

Household Toxics Facility
Central Disposal Site (Bldg. 5)
500 Mecham Rd., Petaluma
Th, F, Sa 7:30-2:30.

These containers were purchased through a grant from The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

Syringes/needles must be in an FDA-approved sharps container.

The only legal way to transport used sharps is in an FDA-approved sharps container.

The container must be labeled "Sharps."

Sharps waste will not be accepted in paper, plastic bags or non-approved containers.

Don't mix sharps with any other waste, including discarded medications or other pharmaceuticals.

It is illegal to dispose of home-generated syringes/needles in the garbage. This includes needles, syringes and lancets used for the care of people and animals. When thrown into the trash, sharps can injure sanitation workers.

Use FDA-approved mail-back and safe syringe disposal containers.

The following companies offer prepaid return service programs. In addition, most pharmacies sell FDA-approved mail-back and safe syringe disposal containers.

EnviroMed Safety & Compliance

www.enviromedinc.com
877-340-2430 M-F 8-5.
Mail-back & fee.

GRP & Associates

www.sharpsdisposal.com
800-207-0976 M-Th 8-4, F
8-3 (CST). Mail-back & fee.

Republic Services

www.republicsharps.com
855-737-7871
M-F 7-6. Mail-back & fee.

Sharps Compliance, Inc.

www.sharpsinc.com
800-772-5657 M-F 7-7 (CST).
Mail-back & fee.

Stericycle

[www.stericycle.com/
mailback_programs/sharps.html](http://www.stericycle.com/mailback_programs/sharps.html)
800-355-8773
M-F 7-6 (CST). Mail-back & fee.

WCM (Waste & Compliance

Management) www.wastewise.com
866-436-9264
M-F 7:30-4:30. Mail-back & fee.

WM (Waste Management Healthcare

Solutions) www.healthcare.wm.com
866-803-7561
M-F 7-6 (CST). Mail-back & fee.

XMED Disposal

www.xmeddisposal.com
866-735-9709
M-F 8-5 (CST). Mail-back & fee.

Drop off your syringes/needles in an FDA-approved container at the following locations. Some offer syringe collection and disposal on-site for customers purchasing FDA-approved containers. Residents only, no businesses.

Asepsis Bio Group

www.asepsistechnology.com
888-431-8976 By
appointment. Drop-off, pick
up & fee.

Dollar Drug

www.dollardrug.com
1055 W. College Ave.
Santa Rosa 575-1313
M-F 9-7, Sa 9-5. Drop-off &
fee.

Healdsburg District Hospital

www.nschd.org
1375 University St.
Healdsburg 431-6500
M-F 8-5, Sa-Su 8-12. Drop-off.

Walgreens Pharmacy

www.completeneedle.com
7800 Old Redwood Hwy., Cotati
795-6014 M-F 9-9, Sa-Su 10-6.
6285 Commerce Blvd., Rohnert Park
583-0022 M-F 8-9, Sa 9-6, Su 10-6.
3093 Marlow Rd., Santa Rosa 569-8504
M-F 9-9, Sa-Su 10-6.
4610 Sonoma Hwy., Santa Rosa 538-9275
24 hour. Mailback and fee (\$4.99 for
mailback shipping box): visit website for
instructions.

Dispose of sharps at no charge through the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency's Household Hazardous Waste programs.

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Toxic Rover Pickup Service

By appointment only.
Call 795-2025 or toll-free
1-877-747-1870.

Community Toxics Collections

Visit www.recyclenow.org for a calendar
of events. By appointment only. Call
795-2025 or toll-free 1-877-747-1870.

Local recycling and hazardous waste disposal information:

www.recyclenow.org Eco-Desk 565-3375 Updated September, 2014

