

HOW TO HANDLE SHARPS SAFELY AND LEGALLY



SHARPS should be transported in an approved sharps container, obtained from a physician or pharmacy. A leak and puncture resistant container with tightly sealed lid (*bleach bottle or coffee can*) is an approved alternative.

Please label container as "sharps."

Transporting sharps in plastic bags or paper bags or other non-puncture resistant containers is illegal.

REMEMBER TO:

- ✓ Immediately after use, place sharps in the container point down
- ✓ Do not attempt to bend or break the needle or syringe
- ✓ Do not put the cap back on the needle
- ✓ Keep all sharps and disposal containers out of reach of children

RESOURCES

California Integrated Waste Management Board

www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HHW/Sharps

Napa County Department of Environmental Management

(707) 253-4471

Or for local disposal options see www.naparecycling.com

Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal

1-(800) 643-1643

www.safeneedledisposal.org

California Department of Public Health

www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste/Pages/default.aspx



SAFE AND LEGAL DISPOSAL OF HOME GENERATED SHARPS IN NAPA COUNTY

SYRINGES • NEEDLES • LANCETS



IT IS ILLEGAL TO PUT SHARPS IN THE TRASH

A GUIDE FOR APPROVED SHARPS DISPOSAL METHODS

UNSAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL MAY HARM OTHERS



HOME GENERATED SHARPS are needles, syringes with needles, and disposable lancets used in the medical treatment of people and animals, derived from a single or multifamily residence. It is estimated that

between 15-25 lbs of home generated sharps waste is disposed of in Napa County each month.

Improper disposal of home generated sharps is a health and safety threat to children, home health care providers, sanitation workers, and pets through accidental needle stick injuries.

NEW LAW PROHIBITS SHARPS IN TRASH

Beginning September 1, 2008, the California Medical Waste Management Act (*Health and Safety Code Section 118286*) prohibits the disposal of home generated sharps in the trash or recycling containers. Sharps must be transported and disposed of by an approved method.



APPROVED DISPOSAL METHODS

PERSONAL PHYSICIAN / VETERINARIAN

Contact your personal physician or veterinarian. He/she may accept your sharps for disposal as a courtesy to you.

MAIL BACK PROGRAMS

The following companies provide sharps mail back services. Each service has different procedures and fees so it is important to verify the packaging and mail back process:

EnviroMed Safety & Compliance

(877) 340-2430

www.enriromedinc.com

GRP & Associates

(800) 207-0976

www.sharpsdisposal.com

Medasend, Inc

Sharps mail-back service: info@medasend.com

(800) 200-3581

Sharps Compliance, Inc.

SCI Mail Sharps Disposal System

(800) 772-5657

www.sharpsinc.com

Stericycle, Inc.

Sharps mail-back service

(800) 355-8773 or (800) 527-0666

www.stericycle.com

Waste & Compliance Management, Inc.

(866) 436-9264

www.wcminc.net

NO COST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING SHARPS

Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

889A Devlin Road, American Canyon
(at the Devlin Road Transfer Station)

Every Friday and Saturday from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Temporary Collection Events

One-day collection events are held periodically in the northern Napa County area. An event is typically held in October at the Napa County Fairgrounds, in Calistoga.

NO COST COLLECTION LOCATIONS FOR SHARPS ONLY

Napa County Public Health Division

2344 Old Sonoma Road, Bldg G, Napa
(707) 253-4270

Monday—Friday, 8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Napa County Animal Shelter

Animal sharps only

942 Hartle Court, Napa

Monday—Friday, 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Saturday 11:00 AM—5:00 PM

**It is against the law to leave any
material at these locations after hours.**

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