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

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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.

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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