

YOUR GUIDE TO **SHARPS** DISPOSAL



STAY SAFE

To properly and legally dispose of sharps / needles, **DO THE FOLLOWING:**

-  **DO** obtain an approved container or create your own alternative approved container (e.g. bleach or detergent container) to place your sharps before transport & 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 / needles management and disposal, if necessary.
-  **DO** place biohazardous waste labels on both sides of sharps container.

ALWAYS
use an approved
sharps container



Use **CAUTION** with Sharps / Needles!

Sharps / needles can injure people, can spread disease (hepatitis and HIV/AIDS), damage recycling equipment, and the effects are long term. **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.

To avoid needle sticks at home, **DON'T DO THE FOLLOWING:**

-  **DON'T** throw used sharps / needles, syringes, or lancets in the garbage/ trash, whether at home or away from home.
-  **DON'T** put sharps / needles in recycling containers.
-  **DON'T** flush sharps / needles down the toilet.
-  **DON'T** put sharps / needles into used plastic food containers, coffee cans, plastic bags, glass bottles or soda bottles.
-  **DON'T** handle someone else's sharps / needles.
-  **DON'T** overfill sharps containers (3/4 full is max).
-  **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, test strips, liquid medications).

PROTECT

- ✓ Yourself and your family
- ✓ Your community
- ✓ Wildlife
- ✓ The environment

Call **1-800-OILY CAT**
(645.9228) or 909.382.5401

for updated information on
proper disposal of home-generated
sharps / needles



FOR RESIDENTS WITHIN THE
FOLLOWING **CITY** LIMITS, CONTACT:
City of Fontana: 909.350.6789
City of Rancho Cucamonga: 909.919.2635

FOR RESIDENTS WITHIN THE
FOLLOWING **COUNTIES**, CONTACT:
Riverside County: 800.304.2226
Los Angeles County: 800.988.6942
Orange County: 714.834.4000

How to Safely Dispose Sharps

San Bernardino County residents can safely dispose of their used Sharps in a 2 gallon or smaller, heavy-duty, plastic container as an alternative to plastic bio-hazard sharps containers at participating Household Hazardous Waste Collection facilities.

Containers should only contain needles, lancets, and syringes with a needle attached that must be completely spent (no liquid remaining, including EpiPens).

How To Create your Own Container:

- Place sharps into an Approved Sharps Container or 2 gallon or smaller heavy-duty plastic container
- Made of thick plastic (e.g. bleach or detergent container)
- Do not use food product containers
- Must have a screw-top and puncture resistant lid
- 2 gallons or less
- Leak-resistant
- Remain upright when standing
- Place printed Bio-Hazard Label on both sides
- When $\frac{3}{4}$ filled, secure lid, and tape the container closed
- Sharps containers shall be taken to a participating HHW facility for disposal. **DO NOT** place in the trash.



Disposing of Sharps/Needles

Per California State Law, it is illegal to dispose of sharps / needles in the trash, recycling bin or composting bins.

Traveling With Sharps/Needles

Never place used sharps / needles in the trash on airplanes, in hotel rooms, or in public restrooms.



Print **FREE** labels by visiting sbcfire.org/hhw

Preprinted labels are available at HHW collection facilities

Proper Disposal Options for Sharps / Needles

The following Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Facilities accept home-generated sharps/needles in approved containers — or approved alternative containers — from San Bernardino County residents:

APPLE VALLEY 92308
13450 Nomwaket Road
Sat: 10am to 2pm

HESPERIA 92345
Hesperia Fire Station
17443 Lemon Street
Thurs: 9am to 1pm
Sat: 9am to 2pm

RIALTO 92376
City Maintenance Yard
246 Willow Avenue
2nd & 4th Fri & Sat:
8am to 12pm

REDLANDS 92374
Redlands City Yard
500 Kansas Street
Sat: 9am to 2pm

BARSTOW 92311
City of Barstow Corporation Yard
900 South Avenue 'H'
Sat: 9am to 2pm

JOSHUA TREE 92252
West of Transportation/ Flood Control Building
62499 Twentynine Palms Highway
3rd Sat: 9am to 1pm

SAN BERNARDINO 92408
San Bernardino International Airport
2824 East 'W' Street
Mon–Fri: 9am to 4pm

UPLAND 91786
Upland City Yard
1370 North Benson Avenue
Sat: 7:30am to 12:30pm

BIG BEAR LAKE 92315
Public Service Yard
42040 Garstin Drive
Sat: 9am to 2pm

ONTARIO 91761
1430 South Cucamonga Avenue
Fri & Sat: 9am to 2pm

TRONA 93562
County Fire Station
83732 Trona Road
Open Quarterly

VICTORVILLE 92392
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds
East of Desert Knoll Drive on Loves Lane
Wed & Sun: 9am to 4pm

SAFE OPTIONS for Home Sharps / Needle Disposal

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH LAB accepts home-generated sharps / needles in approved Biohazard containers—or approved alternative containers—from **ALL San Bernardino County residents**.

Call **909.458.9430** | 150 East Holt Boulevard, Ontario Mon–Fri: 8am–5pm

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 may apply):

GRP: 800.207.0976 | sharpsdisposal.com

Med Project: 833.633.7765 | med-project.org

Republic Services: 855.737.7871
republicsharps.com

Sharps Compliance, Inc.: 800.772.5657
sharpsinc.com

Stericycle, Inc.: 800.355.8773 | stericycle.com

