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 (¼ 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

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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 ¼ 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.

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:

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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

Print FREE labels by visiting sbcfire.org/hhw
Preprinted labels are available at HHW collection facilities