

# STAY SAFE

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

- ☺ **DO** use only an approved sharps container for sharps disposal.
- ☺ **DO** obtain an approved container (biohazard) to place your sharps before transport and 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.

**ALWAYS** use an approved sharps container



## PROTECT

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



Call **1-800-OILY CAT**  
**(645-9228)**

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



# YOUR GUIDE TO SHARPS DISPOSAL

## 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 milk jugs, coffee cans, plastic bags, bleach or soda bottles.
- 😱 **DON'T** handle someone else's sharps / needles.
- 😱 **DON'T** overfill sharps containers ( $\frac{3}{4}$  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).





## 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.

**DON'T FORGET:** safe sharps / needle disposal is important no matter where you are — at home, at work, or on the road.

**BE PREPARED:** ask about options for safe sharps / needle disposal when you make travel reservations.



**ALWAYS** use an approved sharps container

If you aren't sure that sharps containers will be available where you're going, be sure to buy a sharps container that can hold your sharps / needles until you can properly dispose of them.

## Proper Disposal Options for Sharps / Needles

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

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

**HESPERIA** 92345  
**Hesperia Fire Station**  
17443 Lemon Street  
Tues & Thurs: 9am to 1pm  
Sat: 9am to 3pm

**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: 9am to 2pm

**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

## Approved Sharps Containers / Disposal

Containers can be purchased at your local:

- Walgreens
- CVS
- Wal-Mart
- Rite Aid

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 apply).

### EnviroMed Safety & Compliance

805.882.3600    lessismore.org

### GRP

800.207.0976    sharpsdisposal.com

### Medasend, Inc.

800.200.3581    medasend.com

### Republic Services

855.737.7871    republicsharps.com

### Sharps Compliance, Inc.

800.772.5657    sharpsinc.com

### Stericycle, Inc.

800.355.8773    stericycle.com

## SAFE OPTIONS for Home Sharps / Needle Disposal

**San Bernardino County Public Health Lab** accepts home-generated sharps / needles in approved containers from **ALL San Bernardino County residents**.

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

### For residents within the following CITY limits:

**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

**Orange County:** 714.834.4000

**Los Angeles County:** 800.988.6942

