

Disposal of Household Sharps Waste

Improper disposal of household sharps (needles, syringes, lancets) may result in community exposure to sharps. Individuals at the greatest risk of being stuck include garbage and sewer treatment workers, janitors, housekeepers and children.

How to Package Your Sharps for Disposal

1. Place used sharps in a FDA-cleared sharps container that is available through pharmacies, medical supply companies, health care providers and online.
2. If a FDA-cleared sharps container is not available, use a heavy duty plastic container. The plastic container must be leak-resistant, able to stand upright and have a tight fitting puncture-resistant lid, **such as a plastic laundry detergent container**. Label "Sharps Biohazard" on the container.



Household Sharps Disposal Locations

North Area Recovery Station

4450 Roseville Rd,
North Highlands, CA 95660
(916) 875-5555

Sacramento Recycling & Transfer Station

8491 Fruitridge Rd,
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916) 379-0500

Residents of Elk Grove

Republic Services
(916) 635-2500
9255 Disposal Ln,
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Residents of Citrus Heights

Door-to-Door Sharps
Collection Program
(916) 725-9060

Residents of Folsom

Fire Station #35
535 Glenn Dr,
Folsom, CA 95630
(916) 725-9060



If you have questions regarding proper household sharps waste disposal, contact EMD at (916) 875-8440 or email medicalwaste@saccounty.gov