

A Guide to Sharps Disposal

Protect Yourself - Protect Others - Protect the Environment

Managing Home-Generated Sharps

- Sharps should be placed into an approved container immediately after use.
- Do not attempt to remove, bend, break or recap the needle.
- Keep all sharps and disposal containers out of reach of children.
- Don't throw used needles, syringes or lancets in the garbage, recycling or green-waste containers.
- Don't flush needles down the toilet.
- Bring your $\frac{3}{4}$ filled sharps container to the locations listed below or other approved sites (do not overfill).

Drop-off Locations in West Contra Costa County

City of El Cerrito*

El Cerrito Recycling and Environmental
Resource Center
7501 Schmidt Lane
Drop-off hours are Monday - Friday:
8:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday - Sunday: 9:00am to 4:45pm

City of Hercules Drop-off Kiosk*

Hercules City Hall
111 Civic Drive
24 hour drop-off bins located outside
of main entrance

City of Pinole Drop-off Kiosk*

Pinole Police Station
880 Tenant Avenue
Lobby hours are M-F 8am-5pm

City of San Pablo Drop-off Kiosk*

San Pablo Police Station
13880 San Pablo Avenue
Lobby hours are 7:30am-6pm M-Thurs

****NEW** Community of El Sobrante***

Richmond Fire Department Station
#63 5201 Valley View Rd
24-hour drop off bins located outside
of main entrance

Community of North Richmond*

West County HHW Collection Facility
101 Pittsburg Avenue
Drop-off hours are Wed, Thur, Fri & Sat
9am to 4 pm, closed from 12 to 12:30

City of Richmond Drop-off Kiosks

Senior Center
2525 MacDonald Avenue
Drop-off hours are M-F 8:30am-5pm,
Sat 8am-11am

Annex Senior Center

5801 Huntington Avenue
24 hour drop-off bin located outside
of main entrance

Richmond Police Station*

1701 Regatta Blvd.
Drop-off hours are M-Sun 7am -8pm

West County Wastewater District Office*

2910 Hilltop Drive, Richmond
Lobby hours are M-F 8am-5pm
closed 12pm -1pm

*Pharmaceutical collection kiosk is also located at this site

Approved Sharps Containers

The FDA recommends that used needles and other sharps be placed in FDA-cleared sharps disposal containers, go to www.FDA.gov and enter 'sharps disposal containers' in the search box. FDA-cleared sharps disposal containers are generally available through pharmacies, medical supply companies, health care providers, and on-line.

Other Resources to Consider:

- Your doctor's office or hospital may collect only their patients' sharps (but check first).
- Check the California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) website: www.CalRecycle.ca.gov and place 'sharps' in the search box to find a listing of drug manufacturer's mail-back programs, some of which may be free.

Other businesses and facilities that take back home-generated sharps waste can be found through:

1-800-CLEANUP (1-800-253-2687)

www.Earth911.org

The California Department of Public Health Medical Waste Management Program maintains a list of home-generated sharps consolidation points in the state on-line at www.cdph.ca.gov.

Mail-Back Services for a fee:

- GRP & Associates www.sharpsdisposal.com (800) 207-0976
- Republic Services www.republicsharps.com (855) 737-7871
- Sharps Compliance, Inc. www.sharpsinc.com (800) 772-5657
- Stericycle, Inc. <https://store.stericycle.com> (800) 355-8773
- WCM (Waste & Compliance Management, Inc.) www.wastewise.com (866) 436-9264
- Waste Management MedWaste Tracker www.wm.com/residential/medical-waste.jsp (866) 803-7561
- XMED Disposal, Inc. www.stericycle.com/xmed (866) 735-9709

Thank you for doing your part to protect workers and the environment

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