

Sharps Do NOT Go in the Trash



Since September 1, 2008, it has been illegal in California to place home generated sharps in trash or recycling containers.

Sharps can include hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other devices that are used to penetrate the skin. This law was passed because sharps pose a health hazard to all those who come into contact with them, and we need all users of sharps to do their part to make sure sharps are properly disposed.



Steps to Dispose Your Sharps Legally and Safely:

1. Get an approved container for your sharps.

Ask your pharmacist if they sell sharps containers. If you have sharps to dispose but no container, you need to obtain an FDA-approved sharps container before any of those sharps can be legally disposed. The other side of this flyer lists some outlets in Del Norte

2. Carefully place used sharps into container.

Use the sharps container as directed. Do not fill any sharps container more than 3/4 full. If the container has no directions, carefully place items in the container sharp-end first. Full sharps containers which are not mailed back should have lids securely taped shut and be

3. When full, bring the sharps container to a sharps drop-off point.

SHARPS CONTAINERS ARE NEVER TO GO IN THE TRASH OR RECYCLING BINS. There is a drop-off receptacle for FREE disposal of home-generated sharps inside the Del Norte County Transfer Station at 1700 State Street. Enter over the scale, and tell the gate attendant you have sharps from home. The Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority is working to establish other sharps drop-off points to make proper sharps disposal more convenient for you.

4. For greater convenience, buy pre-paid mail-back sharps containers.

Mail-back containers should be mailed directly from your home to the address on the shipping label or to the supplier from which the container was purchased. Suppliers of pre-aid mail-back sharps containers are listed on the other side.



For more info on proper sharps management,
Call 465-1100



IF YOU USE NEEDLES OR SHARPS, YOU NEED A SHARPS CONTAINER



The container in the picture to the left is NOT a trash can, but a special container for sharps. Sharps can only be disposed when delivered in an approved container. For information on proper sharps disposal, see the other side.

YOU CAN ORDER PRE-PAID MAIL-BACK SHARPS CONTAINERS:

- ✎ EnviroMed: www.enviromedinc.com (877) 340-2430
- ✎ XMED Disposal: www.xmeddisposal.com (866) 735-9709
- ✎ GRP & Associates: www.sharpsdisposal.com (800) 207-0976
- ✎ Medasend: www.medasend.com (800) 200-3581
- ✎ Sharps Compliance: www.sharpsinc.com (800) 772-5657
- ✎ Stericycle: www.stericycle.com/mailback_programs/sharps.html
(800) 355-8773 or (800) 527-0666
- ✎ WCM Home Sharps Disposal: www.homesharpsdisposal.com



OR GET SHARPS CONTAINERS HERE:

FDA-approved sharps containers are sold through many pharmacies that sell needles and/or injectable medications, including the following Crescent City retailers:

- ✎ Crescent Hay & Feed, 160 Elk Valley Road; 464-6444
- ✎ Parkway Feed, 1645 Parkway Drive; 464-6873
- ✎ Walgreens, 787 L Street; 464-3674
- ✎ Walmart, 900 E Washington Blvd.; 464-1452
- ✎ All Creatures Animal Hospital, 1380 Northcrest Dr.; 464-7448