





# 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 ( $\frac{3}{4}$  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).

## 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

## 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  $\frac{3}{4}$  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.



Print **FREE** labels by visiting [sbcfire.org/hhw](http://sbcfire.org/hhw)

Preprinted labels are available at HHW collection facilities

## 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:

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

**HESPERIA** 92345  
**Hesperia Fire Station**  
17443 Lemon Street  
Thurs: 9am to 1pm  
Sat: 9am to 2pm

**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: 7:30am to 12:30pm

**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

## 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](http://sharpsdisposal.com)

Sharps Compliance, Inc.: 800.772.5657  
[sharpsinc.com](http://sharpsinc.com)

Med Project: 833.633.7765 | [med-project.org](http://med-project.org)

Stericycle, Inc.: 800.355.8773 | [stericycle.com](http://stericycle.com)

Republic Services: 855.737.7871  
[republicsharps.com](http://republicsharps.com)

