



NEWS RELEASE

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Household Hazardous Waste collection facilities accept alternative sharps containers

Effective July 1, 2021, San Bernardino County residents can safely dispose of their used sharps by creating their own container. This is an alternative to plastic bio-hazard sharps containers.

Container must be a 2-gallon or smaller non-food, sealable (screw top with puncture resistant lid), leak-resistant, heavy-duty plastic container such as a laundry soap or bleach bottle. Container can be used to dispose of needles, lancets and syringes (must be completely spent, no liquid remaining, including EpiPens).

When a container is $\frac{3}{4}$ filled, seal the lid tightly and tape the container closed. An approved biohazardous waste label must be placed on both sides of the heavy-duty, puncture resistant container. You can download labels by visiting www.sbcfire.org/greensb or obtain labels at any of the HHW facilities during hours of operation.

Full sharps containers can be taken to a San Bernardino County HHW Collection facility for proper disposal.

Milk containers, water bottles, glass containers and metal cans are unapproved containers.

For more information, please contact the HHW Collection facility from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at (909) 382-5401, 1(800) Oily Cat or visit www.sbcfire.org/greensb.

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The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District is an all-risk/full-service, premier Fire, Rescue and EMS department committed to providing the highest level of service in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. Our jurisdiction encompasses 19,278 square miles of extremely diverse environments that stretch from the Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County lines to our south and west, to the Colorado River and Arizona to the east, and the Nevada State line and Kern and Inyo counties on the north. We provide services to more than 60 communities/cities and all unincorporated areas of the county.

How to Safely Dispose Sharps

**EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2021**



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
- Do not use food product containers
- Must have a screw-top and puncture resistant lid
- Made of thick plastic
- 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

DO NOT USE FOR SHARPS:



**Print FREE labels by visiting
Greensb.net**

**Preprinted labels are available at
HHW collection facilities**



**For more information and locations, call 1-800-Oily Cat (645-9228)
or visit Greensb.net**

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Cómo desechar las agujas de forma segura

**EFFECTIVO EL
1 DE JULIO 2021**



LOS RESIDENTES DEL CONDADO DE SAN BERNARDINO pueden desechar de manera segura sus agujas usadas en un recipiente de plástico resistente de 2 galones, o más pequeño como alternativa a los recipientes de plástico para objetos punzantes con riesgo biológico en los Centros participantes de Colección para desechos peligrosos del hogar.

Los recipientes solo deben contener agujas, lancetas y jeringas con una aguja adjunta que debe gastarse por completo (Sin residuo líquido incluyendo los EpiPens).

COMO CREAR SU PROPIO CONTENEDOR:

- Coloque las agujas en un recipiente para objetos punzantes aprobado o en un recipiente de plástico resistente de 2 galones o más pequeño
- No utilice envases de productos para alimentos
- Debe tener una tapa de rosca y resistente a los pinchazos
- Hecho de plástico grueso
- 2 galones o menos
- Resistente a fugas
- Permanezca erguido cuando esté de pie
- Coloque la etiqueta impresa de peligro biológico en ambos lados
- Cuando esté lleno 3/4, cierre la tapa y pegue el recipiente con cinta adhesiva para mantener el contenedor cerrado

NO UTILIZAR PARA AGUJAS :



Para imprimir etiquetas
GRATIS visite Greensb.net

Las etiquetas preimpresas están disponibles en los Centros de Colección para desechos peligrosos del hogar



Para obtener más información y ubicaciones,
llame al 1-800-Oily Cat (645-9228) o visite Greensb.net

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