

STAY SAFE

To properly and legally dispose of sharps / needles, **DO THE FOLLOWING:**

- 😊 **DO** use only an approved sharps container for sharps disposal.
- 😊 **DO** obtain an approved container or create your own alternative approved 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

PROTECT

- ✓ Yourself and your family
- ✓ Your community
- ✓ Wildlife
- ✓ The environment

**Call 1-800-OILY CAT
(645-9228)**

**for updated information on
proper disposal of home-generated
sharps / needles**



**FOR RESIDENTS WITHIN THE
FOLLOWING CITY LIMITS:**

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

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YOUR GUIDE TO SHARPS DISPOSAL



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 milk jugs, 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).

How to Safely Dispose Sharps

San Bernardino County residents can now 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 ¾ 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

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 Tues & Thurs: 9am to 1pm Sat: 9am to 3pm	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: 9am to 2pm
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 to 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 apply). ▶

GRP
800.207.0976
sharpsdisposal.com

Republic Services
855.737.7871
republicsharps.com

Sharps Compliance, Inc.
800.772.5657
sharpsinc.com

Stericycle, Inc.
800.355.8773
stericycle.com

