

Sharps Containers Deposit Sites

In order to make the program run smoothly, it is requested that you follow these guidelines:

1. Go to the nearest Health Center site listed below:

Monday through Friday
8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (except
holidays)

West Palm Beach Health Center
1150 45th St., West Palm Beach, FL
(561) 514-5300

C.L. Brumback Health Center
38754 State Road 80, Belle Glade, FL
(561) 983-9220

Lantana/Lake Worth Health Center
1250 Southwind Dr., Lantana, FL
(561) 547-6800

Delray Beach Health Center
225 S. Congress Ave, Delray Beach, FL
(561) 274-3100

2. Go to the cashier window at the front desk to obtain your first “Sharps Container”. There will be a charge of \$3.00 for each container.

3. When returning a full “Sharps Container” go to the cashier’s window for assistance. Always give the “Sharps Container” to authorize personnel.

Never leave a “Sharps Container” unattended. If no one is available at the counter to assist you, DO NOT leave your “Sharps Container”, it could get into the wrong hands.

Your cooperation is essential in making this program successful and reducing the potential health dangers of improperly disposed of needles.

This program is designed to protect the public health. All participants are cooperating on a non-profit basis for the public good. If you have any questions that remain unanswered, or have large amounts of needles to dispose of, please call:

Florida Health Palm Beach County
Division of Environmental Public Health

North and Central County
(561) 837-5900

Western County
(561) 983-9220

South County
(561) 274-3187

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USED SHARPS DEPOSITORY PROGRAM



What are SHARPS?

“Sharps” are defined as having the potential to puncture or lacerate. These include syringes with attached needles and disposable lancets.

The American Diabetic Association’s statistics show that there are an estimated 7,500 Palm Beach County insulin-dependent residents plus seasonal visitors who use SHARPS. In addition, there are others whose medical condition require the use of injected medication.

At a minimum of one injection per day, nearly 2.7 million sharps enter the solid waste stream annually in Palm Beach County.

Sharps that are thrown away improperly can cause many problems.

They can:

- Clog sewers and lift stations.
- End up at recycling centers.
- Puncture solid waste containers and place workers along collection routes and at landfill at risk of injury and/or disease.
- Threaten public safety. Sharps can be contaminated with Hepatitis, HIV, (the virus that causes AIDS) and other serious or fatal disease.

What can you do?

Participate in the Used Sharps Depository Program.

This program is sponsored by:
FDOH/Palm Beach County.
(561) 837-5900

Palm Beach County Solid Waste
Authority (561) 697-2700

In cooperation with the American
Diabetes Association (800) 342-2388

The program is voluntary and all residents and visitors are encouraged to participate.

Note: This program is being provided for the private sector only. All professionals and businesses are regulated under state and federal biomedical waste laws and may not participate.



How the program works.

Go to a designated exchange site. “Sharps Container” must be obtained from one of the listed sites.

Obtain an approved “Sharps Container” from the site. There will be a charge of \$3.00 for each container.

Procedure:

1. Perform routine blood test or injection, do not clip the needle, do not recap the needle.
2. When you are completely through with the lancet or syringe, it is time to put them into your Sharps box.
3. Once sharps have been disposed of into the box, do not attempt to retrieve them. **STORE THE ‘SHARPS CONTAINER’ OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**
4. When the “Sharps Container” is filled, close the lid securely. Apply strips of tape across the top of the lid.
5. Do not overfill the “Sharps Container”.
6. Return the sealed container to any drop-off site. Purchase a new container and repeat the process.