

Sharps that are thrown away improperly can:

- Clog sewers and wastewater facility equipment
- Cause contamination of recycling materials
- Place workers along collection routes and at landfill sites at risk of injury and/or disease
- Threaten public safety by exposure to blood-borne pathogens



DO NOT
throw loose sharps
in trash.



DO NOT
put sharps
in recycling.



DO NOT
flush sharps
down toilet.



DO NOT
keep in reach
of children.

If you have any questions, or have a large number of sharps, please call:

**DOH-Palm Beach, 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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This program is sponsored by:

**DOH-Palm Beach
561-837-5900**

**Palm Beach County
Solid Waste Authority
561-697-2700**

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USED SHARPS

Depository Program



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It is estimated that 7,500 Palm Beach County insulin-dependent residents, in addition to seasonal visitors, use sharps. There are also others whose medical conditions require the use of injected medication.

An estimated 2.7 million sharps enter the solid waste stream annually in Palm Beach County.

Participate in the Used Sharps Depository Program

Program Eligibility

Palm Beach County residents and visitors that use sharps at home are eligible to participate in this voluntary program.

This program is intended for residential use, so professionals and businesses are not eligible to participate, or drop off used sharps containers at any site.

How the Program Works

Go to a designated exchange site to obtain a sharps container. There will be a charge of \$5 for each container. Once filled, return the sharps container to a designated deposit site and purchase a new one.

Participation Steps

1. Visit a local designated exchange site:
Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except holidays)
 - A. West Palm Beach Health Center**
1150 45th St., West Palm Beach
561-514-5300
 - B. C.L. Brumback Health Center**
38754 State Road 80, Belle Glade
561-983-9220
 - C. Lantana/Lake Worth Health Center**
1250 Southwind Drive, Lantana
561-547-6800
 - D. Delray Beach Health Center**
225 S. Congress Ave., Delray Beach
561-274-3100
2. Visit the cashier window at the front desk to obtain your first sharps container. There will be a charge of \$5 for each container.
3. When returning a full sharps container go to the cashier's window for assistance. Always give the sharps container to authorized personnel.

Never leave a sharps container unattended. If no one is available to assist you, DO NOT leave your sharps container, as the contents can be hazardous to others.

Procedure for Using the Sharps Container

1. Perform routine blood test or injection. Do not clip the needle. Do not recap the needle.
2. Put the used lancet or syringe into the sharps container.
3. Once sharps have been disposed of into the container, do not attempt to retrieve them. **STORE THE SHARPS CONTAINER OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**
4. When the sharps container is full, 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 designated exchange site. Purchase a new container and repeat the process.

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