Sharps & Medication Disposal

Sharps Disposal
Follow these simple steps to safely dispose of your lancets, needles and syringes with needles.

1. Place Sharps in a Sharps Container
If you don’t have a sharps container, you can make one!
Homemade sharps containers must be of rigid plastic with a secure lid such as a laundry soap or bleach bottle. Container must be one gallon capacity or less.

Print free labels using this link: rcwaste.org/Waste-Guide/sharps
Preprinted labels are available at HHW collection facilities or by calling (951) 486-3200

Do not use containers such as milk jugs, water bottles, soda cans or glass jars for sharps disposal.

2. Bring Sharps to a Collection Site
Household sharps containers can be brought to any of the facilities listed on the HHW collection page of this flyer or one of the following sharps kiosk locations. Sharps generated by businesses, including professional home health care services, are prohibited by law at these locations. For more info visit rcwaste.org/Waste-Guide/sharps

Beaumont - Hemet Area
Lamb Canyon Landfill
16411 Lamb Canyon Road, Beaumont, 92223
Open: Monday - Saturday, 6:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Riverside - Moreno Valley Area
Badlands Landfill
31125 Ironwood Avenue, Moreno Valley, 92555
Open: Monday - Saturday, 6:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Additional Sharps Disposal Services
Mail-back programs (check with your city or purchase at a pharmacy)
Additional sharps and medication services may be provided by your local city (contact your city for details)

Medication Disposal
Use one of the options below to safely dispose of your medications

1. The California Product Stewardship Council provides free drop-off locations for medications
Visit the CPSC website at www.takebackdrugs.org for instructions and to find a drop-off location near you!

How does it work? Follow these 3 easy steps:
1. At home, remove pills and other solid medications from their containers and consolidate in a clear plastic zipper bag. Keep liquid and cream medication tightly sealed in their original containers.
2. Remove, mark out or otherwise obscure personal information from solid and liquid/cream medication containers to protect your personal information. Recycle containers for solid medications in your household recycling.
3. Bring zipper bag and any liquids/creams to a Don’t Rush to Flush location and place in the bin - it’s that easy!

What goes in the Don’t Rush to Flush Bins?
• Prescription medications (see website for restrictions)
• Over-the-counter medications
• Pet medications
• Medicated ointments and lotions (leave tightly sealed in original containers)

Acceptable Medications:
• Nutritional supplements
• Prescription medications
• Over-the-counter medications
• Pet medications

Unacceptable Medications:
• Controlled substances
• Chemotherapy medications
• Business or health care generated pharmaceutical waste
• Medication containers with personal information on them

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Prescription mail back envelopes may be available for purchase at your local pharmacy

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