

Sharps are medical needles, syringes and lancets and are considered hazardous waste, requiring proper disposal to prevent injuring others. **Do**



not place used sharps in garbage or recycling containers—they pose a risk to workers collecting or sorting the materials. Sharps must be collected in an approved sharps collection container available from a pharmacy, collection service, or collection site.



Approved sharps containers are rigid, leak-proof, puncture-resistant, sealed and clearly marked with the bio-hazard symbol.

Containers such as plastic milk jugs and coffee cans **are not safe** for used sharps storage. Select an approved method to dispose of sharps from the choices to the right.



Safe Options for Sharps

Container Exchange Program

Contact Your Pharmacy - Many area pharmacies offer sharps disposal and container exchange programs that provide containers like the one at the bottom of the previous page.

Collection Facility

Take Sharps to a Metro Hazardous Waste Facility or Neighborhood Collection Event

Similar to the container exchange program offered at pharmacies, Metro also has an exchange program. Metro's Sharps Disposal and Container Exchange Program allows area residents to bring used sharps that are stored in approved sharps containers to Metro's hazardous waste facilities. Participants can dispose of used sharps at little or no charge, and receive a new container.

www.OregonMetro.gov/hhw

In the Spring and Fall Metro hosts Neighborhood Household Waste collection events throughout the region. Residents are encouraged to bring used sharps and other household hazardous waste to a nearby event for safe collection.

www.OregonMetro.gov/roundups

Used Sharps Container Drop-off Locations

Look on the back of this brochure for a list of facilities/businesses in Washington County that accept used lancets, syringes and needles for safe disposal. Contact the facility nearest you for hours of operation and disposal or program fees.

Other Options

Order Collection Service - In Washington County, sharps and other medical waste can be collected through your garbage collection hauler. Call your garbage service provider for home and commercial collection service options.

Mail Them In - Some vendors offer sharps-by-mail service, a safe, confidential, 'from home' mailing solution for sharps disposal. The program offers various container sizes and mailing options. For additional information, review Metro's Sharps Container Exchange Program information at www.oregonmetro.gov/hhw and select 'Safe Needle Disposal.'

Intercambio de recipientes

Llame a la farmacia local para participar en el programa de intercambio de recipientes.

Centro de recolección

Lleve los recipientes de objetos puntiagudos clínicos (o 'Sharps') a un centro autorizado por Metro para la recolección de objetos de riesgo biológico; o acuda a eventos donde se recojan químicos peligrosos organizados por Metro. Visite: www.OregonMetro.gov/hhw

Llame de antemano para más información y cuotas.

Centros aprobados para la recolección de objetos puntiagudos

Busque centros aprobados para la debida recolección y la forma correcta de desechar jeringas y lancetas usadas. Localice uno de estos centros en la lista parcial detrás de este folleto.

Otras opciones

Llame al servicio de recolección de basura a fin de solicitar un subcontratista que recoja objetos puntiagudos en casa o incluso, puede recurrir a un servicio por correo postal para el debido desecho de productos puntiagudos que podría enviar desde su casa.

Objetos puntiagudos

son agujas, jeringas y lancetas. Se consideran desperdicios tóxicos y deben ser desechados debida



y aprobadamente para prevenir daños a otras personas. No ponga objetos puntiagudos médicos en la basura o en el reciclaje. Tales productos puntiagudos (en inglés llamados 'Sharps') deben colectarse en recipientes aprobados y distribuidos por la farmacia, o bien, llévelos a un centro autorizado para la recolección de objetos de riesgo biológico.

Los recipientes aprobados como depósito de objetos puntiagudos clínicos están sellados, son rígidos y fuertes, a prueba de goteos, y resistentes a perforaciones; asimismo, están marcados claramente con el símbolo de riesgo biológico. No use los recipientes plásticos de galón de leche o latas de café –no son seguros. Utilice sólo métodos aprobados para el desecho de

objetos puntiagudos.

Escoja uno de los siguientes métodos seguros para desechar los objetos puntiagudos.



Used Sharps Drop-off Sites*

Aloha Garbage & Recycling Co.	
20525 SW Blanton St.....	(503) 649-6727
Allied Waste - Tualatin Office	
10295 SW Ridder Rd	(503) 570-0626
Bi-Mart - Aloha	
5975 S 185th Ave.....	(503) 649-6562
Bi-Mart - Forest Grove	
3225 Pacific Ave.....	(503) 357-0244
Bi-Mart - Hillsboro	
2075 SE Tualatin Valley Hwy.....	(503) 640-3777
Fred Meyer - Beaverton	
11425 SW Beaverton-Hills Hwy	(503) 526-1833
Fred Meyer - Beaverton	
15995 SW Walker Rd.....	(503) 690-5833
Fred Meyer - Beaverton	
7700 SW Beaverton-Hills Hwy	(503) 203-4033
Fred Meyer - Cornelius	
2200 Baseline St	(503) 359-3103
Fred Meyer - Hillsboro	
6495 SE Tualatin Valley Hwy.....	(503) 848-4583
Fred Meyer - Sunset	
22075 NW Imbrie Dr	(503) 747-1115
Fred Meyer - Tigard	
11565 SW Pacific Hwy.....	(503) 293-7085
Fred Meyer - Tualatin	
19200 SW Martinazzi Ave.....	(503) 691-4233
McCann's Pharmacy - King City	
15685 SW 116th Ave	(503) 693-7377

* Partial list as of 9.2011. Call ahead for hours of operation and collection fees.

Residential care facilities, group homes and other commercial generators of sharps should contact their regular garbage collection company or call Metro Recycling Information at (503) 234-3000 for more information.



Solid Waste and Recycling Program
WashingtonCountyRecycles.org
(503) 846-8609

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