

As of September 1, 2008 it is no longer legal to dispose of home sharps except by approved methods and at designated, approved locations.

Home-generated sharps waste

You can help prevent injury, illness, and pollution by following some simple steps when you dispose of the sharp objects and contaminated materials you use in administering health care in your home.



- Needles
- Syringes
- Lancets
- Other sharp objects

Dispose of home-sharps waste safely

1. Place your used sharps in state-approved sharps containers such as:

- A hard plastic container with a lid that can be securely closed, does not leak, break, or puncture. (e.g. Detergent or Bleach bottle)
- You can pick up approved home sharps containers free at County designated distribution sites.
- Stop using sharps containers past 3/4 full.
- If using detergent bottles, it must be sealed, taped and labeled "SHARPS"



2. **DOs and DON'Ts**

- Do not use water bottles, trash cans, recycle bins.
- Do not flush sharps down the toilet.
- Do not dispose approved containers in trash. Only bring them to approved centers (see #3).
- Keep containers out of reach of children and pets

See next page for a list of approved disposal locations.

3. Take sharps containers to:

AVECC (Antelope Valley) (every 1st & 3rd Sat. only) Hrs. 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

1200 W. City Ranch Rd, Palmdale, CA 93551 - (888) CleanLA.

City of Los Angeles S.A.F.E. Centers: (Sat and Sun only) Hrs. 8:00am-10:30am & 12:30pm-3:30pm

11025 Randall St, Sun Valley, CA 91352 (Intersection of Glen Oaks & Lankershim) - (800) 98-TOXIC

North Hollywood Health Center (Mon-Thurs) Hrs. 8:00am-4:30pm & Fri 12:30-3:30 pm

5300 Tujunga, North Hollywood, CA 91601 - (818) 766-3982

Pacoima Health Center: (Mon-Fri) Hrs. 8:00am-10:00am & 12:30pm-2:00pm

13300 Van Nuys Bl., Pacoima, CA 91331 - (818) 896-1903

Valencia Sheriff Station – Sharps Disposal/ Medications (24 hrs/7 days a week)

23740 Magic Mountain Parkway, Valencia, CA 91355 - (661) 255-1121

Sites Requiring 1 Quart Sharps Collection Container:

Antelope Valley Health Center (Mon-Fri) Hrs. 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

335B East Ave. K-6 Lancaster, CA 93535 - (661) 723-4526

Canoga Park Senior Citizen Center (Mon-Fri) Hrs 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

7326 Jordan Ave Canoga Park, CA 91303 - (818) 340-2633

City of LA Robert M Wilkinson Senior Ctr (Mon-Fri) Hrs. 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

8956 Vanalden St Northridge, CA 91324 – (818) 756-7741

Monrovia Health Center (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:00 am- 10:30 am & 12:30 pm-3:00 pm) &

330 W. Maple Ave Monrovia, CA 91016 – (626) 256-1642 (Wed 10 am 12:30 pm & 2:30-5:00 pm)

Porter Ranch Pharmacy (Mon-Fri) Hrs. 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

11167 Tampa Ave Porter Ranch, CA 91326 - (818) 360-1915

Taft Pharmacy (Mon-Thurs 9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Fri 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sat 9:00 am -3:00 pm)

20056 Ventura Blvd Woodland Hills, CA 91364 - (818) 348-0860

Temple City Sheriff Station- (24 hrs/7days a week)

8838 E. Las Tunas Rd Temple City, CA 91780 – (626) 285-7171

All locations, dates, and times are subject to change. Please call before visiting a particular location.



4. At-Home Needle Destruction Devices

Insulin Needle Clippers and other similar devices safely clip and store needles, so that the syringe and plunger can be thrown away in the normal trash. Please check with your local pharmacy or search on-line.

5. Mail-In Method

Used sharps placed in special containers can be mailed in accordance with U.S. Postal Service requirements to a collection site for proper disposal. These services usually require a fee. Consult your local pharmacy or search on-line. **For more info contact:**

Call toll free at 1(888) CLEAN LA
www.cleanla.com

For a schedule of mobile events visit:

http://www.lacitysan.org/solid_resources/special/hhw/collection_schedule.htm