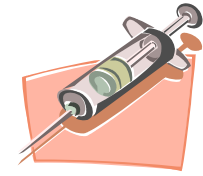


# Home Generated Sharps Program



“Home-generated sharps” are needles, syringes, and lancets that people use at home to manage an illness. When sharps are improperly disposed of they are a threat to sanitation workers, adults, children, and even pets due to needlestick injuries. Due to the high risk to the community and environment, California Law makes it illegal to place home-generated sharps in the trash or recyclable containers.

## **How to properly and safely dispose of your sharps:**

- Place used home-generated sharps in a commercial, **biohazard sharps container**. A red, biohazard sharps container can be purchased at your local pharmacy. Contact your pharmacist, clinic, or personal physician, and ask if they have a take-back program in place.

- **Mail Back Services:** If you purchase sharps on-line, request a pre-addressed, prepaid mail-back box for your used sharps. A list of mail back services approved by the California Department of Public Health can be found at this website: [www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste)

- In Santa Clara and other county’s **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Programs** may accept home-generated sharps from residents. For more information on pharmacies and other locations that accept used home-generated sharps or to make an appointment to dispose of your sharps, contact the county HHW. In Santa Clara call 408-299-7300 or visit [www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org)

## **Be Smart about Sharps**

You can prevent injury, illness and pollution by following these simple steps:

- Always use your own personal lancets, lancet device and meter when testing your blood sugar.
- Do not use your lancets or meter to test other people’s blood sugar.
- **Do not recap or bend “dirty” lancets or needles.** It is especially important for caregivers to prevent unnecessary needlesticks.
- Promptly dispose of used lancets, needles, syringes and other sharp objects in a commercial, red sharps container. When the contents reach the “full” line on the container, seal it tightly.
- Don’t mix sharps container with other waste materials or recycling. California law requires disposing of sharps at approved locations. (Attached is a list of drop-off locations).
- Please keep all sharps and sharp containers out of reach of children and pets. Lastly, any surfaces exposed to blood should be cleaned up immediately with soap and water and then disinfected with a germicidal solution or 10% bleach.

Needles , syringes  
or lancets



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Biohazard sharps  
container



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Drop off locations



## Drop off locations for Sharps Waste

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~Do not throw them in the trash~

### Santa Clara County

Facility Name	Address	Telephone
<b><u>CAMBELL:</u></b> Kaiser Permanente (Kaiser Members Only)	Campbell Medical Offices, 220 E. Hacienda Ave., Campbell	(408) 871-6500
<b><u>CUPERTINO:</u></b> Cupertino Fire Station	20215 Stevens Creek Blvd.	
<b><u>GILROY:</u></b> Gilroy Medical Pharmacy	700 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> St. Gilroy	(408) 842-3196
Kaiser Permanente-Gilroy Medical Office (Kaiser Members Only)	7520 Arroyo Circle, Gilroy	(408) 848-4600
Valley Health Center (Valley Members Only)	7475 Camino Arroyo, Gilroy	(888) 334-1000
<b><u>LOS ALTOS:</u></b> Los Altos Pharmacy	255 2 <sup>nd</sup> St., Los Altos	(650) 948-1212
<b><u>LOS GATOS:</u></b> Fire Station	16565 Shannon Rd; Los Gatos	
Community Hospital of Los Gatos (Members Only)	815 Pollard Rd. Los Gatos	(408) 378-6131
Mission Oaks Campus of Good Samaritan	15891 Los Gatos- Almaden Rd.	(408) 356-4111
<b><u>MILPITAS:</u></b> Kaiser Permanente Medical Offices (Kaiser Members Only)	770 E. Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas	(408) 945-2770
<b><u>MOUNTAIN VIEW:</u></b> Kaiser Permanente Med. Offices (Kaiser Members Only)	555 Castro St., M. View	(650) 903-3000
El Camino Hospital- (Members Only)	2500 Grant Ave. M. View	(650) 940-7000
<b><u>PALO ALTO:</u></b> Palo Alto HHW Program (Palo Alto residents only)	Collection is every first Saturday of the month	(650) 496-5904
<b><u>SAN JOSE:</u></b> Evergreen Pharmacy	2690 S. White Rd. Ste. 200	(408) 270-0670
King Pharmacy	2323 Montepelier Dr. Ste. D	(408) 347-0193

## Continued : Drop-off Locations for Sharps Waste

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Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (Patients Only)	751 S. Bascom Ave.	(408) 885-5000
Senter Pharmacy	2643 Senter Rd. Ste. A	(408) 287-4899
Valley Health Center (Patients Only)	976 Lenzen Ave.	(408) 792-5101
<u>SANTA CLARA</u> : Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara (Kaiser Members Only)	700 Lawrence Expressway	(408) 851-1000
<u>SARATOGA</u> : West Valley Fire Station	19800 Cox Ave.	
<u>SUNNYVALE</u> :	Sunnyvale Materials Transfer Station	(408) 752-8530
<u>Valley Health Center</u> (Patients Only)	660 S. Fair Oaks	(888) 334-1000
<u>SAN MARTIN</u> :	San Martin Transfer Station	(408) 683-4443

See other county information below:

**San Mateo County Household Hazardous Waste 650-363-4718 For Redwood City, Redwood Shores, Portola Valley**

**Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste 800-606-6606 For Fremont, Castro Valley, Dublin sites**

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**COUNTY OF STA. CLARA, HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) PROGRAM**

Deposit used home-generated sharps into an approved sharps container, when the container is ¾ full permanently seal shut and make an appointment through our website at [www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org) or call (408) 299-7300