

SHARPS DISPOSAL IN LA COUNTY

Dispose your sharps waste properly and safely! Take your sharps to a participating collection point, such as a S.A.F.E. Center.

SAFETY IS THE POINT!



Workers on sorting lines are at risk whenever needles and other sharps are improperly disposed of. If pricked, workers have to go through a year of testing to find out if they have been exposed to infectious agents or dangerous chemicals.

Image from Burbank Recycle Center (November 2024)

S.A.F.E. CENTERS

S.A.F.E. Centers are permanent collection sites that are open every weekend for residents to drop off their household hazardous waste, including sharps, for **free**. These locations have limited hours.

Sharps must be brought in a State-approved container, or in a hard plastic, puncture-proof container. The container must have a lid.

Loose sharps will not be accepted. This also applies to Epi-pens.

S.A.F.E. CENTERS NEAR BURBANK

**CENTRAL LOS ANGELES
LA-GLENDALE SAFE CENTER**
4600 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles
ONLY SATURDAYS • 9 AM-3 PM

**EAST VALLEY
RANDALL STREET SAFE CENTER**
11025 Randall St., Sun Valley
Saturday & Sunday • 9 AM-3 PM



**Download
Flyer (PDF)**



Visit the S.A.F.E. Centers site for information on the process:

sanitation.lacity.gov/safecenters

MAIL-BACK/SHIPPING

Another option is via mail-back service. A free, pre-paid, pre-addressed mail-back package can be ordered via:

sharpstakebackcalifornia.org

Scan the QR code or visit the site above to request mail-back service



USE A SHARPS CONTAINER TO SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY DISPOSE OF SHARPS!

KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE

DO NOT
throw loose
sharps in trash



DO NOT
put sharps
in recycling



DO NOT
flush sharps
down toilet



KEEP OUT
of reach
of children



ALWAYS USE A SHARPS CONTAINER

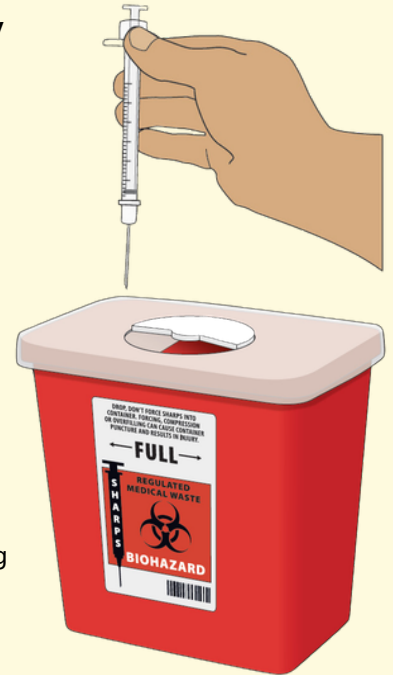
Used sharps are hazardous waste. When not discarded properly they can cut and infect others. Protect your community by always discarding your used sharps in a sharps disposal container.

FREE sharps containers may be available from your doctor, hospital, health insurance or medication supplier.

FREE mail-back containers can be ordered via:



sharpstakebackcalifornia.org
(844) 482-5322



For information about rules and laws in your community, contact the Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal at 800.643.1643. For more information on sharps visit fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal.

IF YOU CANNOT GET AN FDA-CLEARED SHARPS CONTAINER, FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

Use an empty household container with these features:



DO NOT USE

These containers can break or puncture easily.



Milk container



Water bottle



Glass container



Soda can

When discarding a household sharps container:

1 Close lid and tape shut. Label container.



2 Bring container to a sharps disposal program.

DO NOT THROW IN TRASH OR RECYCLING!

**Drop off sealed containers at
designated safe sharps disposal:**

**11025 Randall St.
Sun Valley, CA 91352**

For a complete list of area sharps drop off, go to
www.safeneedledisposal.org

