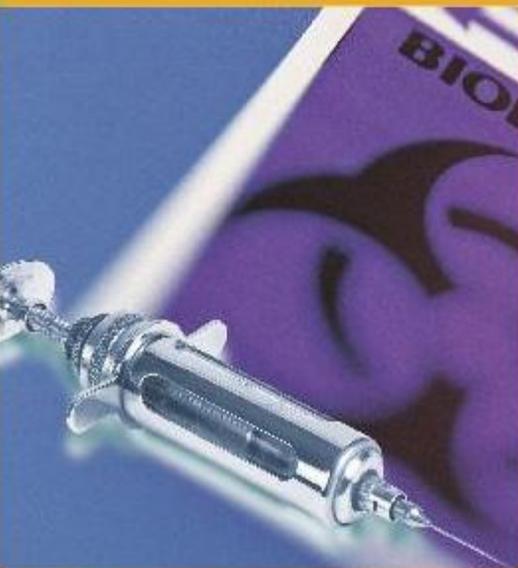


# Home-Generated Sharps Waste Management Program

County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Works



*Do the right thing and save your environment!  
Learn how to dispose of your sharps properly.*

## Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

*What is home-generated sharps waste?*

"Home-generated sharps waste" means hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other devices that are used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications derived from a household, including a multifamily residence or household.

*Can I throw my sharps in the trash?*

No, it is illegal. If you self-inject at home, State law prohibits disposal of your sharps in the trash.

*Where do I place my sharps once they have been used?*

You must place your sharps in a proper container. You can pick one up for free at the County's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection events or at the City of Los Angeles' S.A.F.E. centers. More distribution centers are listed on the back. Another alternative is to place them in a container that does not leak, break, or puncture. It must be taped sealed and labeled "SHARPS".

*Once filled, how can I dispose of my sharps container?*

When your sharps container is about 3/4 full, seal it tightly (per the instructions on the container) and take it to any of the County's free Household Hazardous Waste Collection events, the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC), the City of Los Angeles' S.A.F.E. Centers, or a Department of Public Health clinic.

*What happens when sharps are not properly disposed?*

Sanitation and landfill workers or anyone that handles your trash can be injured. Also, leakage may occur from leftover liquid in sharps and contaminate groundwater, rivers, and the ocean.



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## Safely manage your SHARPS WASTE



- The safest way to dispose of sharps waste is to use only State-approved sharps containers. Check availability at the distribution sites or ask your pharmacist or doctor about them.
- If you use a plastic bottle, do not use water bottles. They are made of plastic that will puncture. Use a clean bleach or detergent bottle. Seal the top with tape and label the container "SHARPS".
- Do not fill your container to the top, only until it is about 3/4 full. Seal it securely.
- Do **NOT** flush your sharps waste or medications down the toilet or drain.
- Do **NOT** place your sharps waste in the trash, green waste, or recycling bin.
- Keep your sharps containers out of reach of children and pets.



Safely dispose of your sharps container by bringing it to any of the following collection sites:

- 1) Los Angeles County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events - For locations near you, visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com) or call 1(888) CLEAN LA
- 2) AVECC in Antelope Valley - For information, visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com) or call 1(888) CLEAN LA
- 3) City of Los Angeles' S.A.F.E. Centers - For information, call 1(800) 98-TOXIC
- 4) Department of Public Health - For clinic locations, visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com)

**Do the right thing and save your environment -- dispose of your sharps waste properly!**



Pick up your free sharps container at any of the following distribution sites. When your container is 3/4 full, return it to any of the collection sites listed below for proper disposal.

#### **DISTRIBUTION SITES:**

Visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com) for operating hours and information on upcoming collection events.

- **Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works**  
900 S. Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, 91803
- **AVECC (Antelope Valley)**  
1200 W. City Ranch Road, Palmdale, 93551
- **City of West Covina**  
1444 W. Garvey Avenue South, West Covina, 91793
- **Goodwill stores**  
Visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com) for location details
- **Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health**  
Visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com) for location details
- **HHW mobile collection events**  
Visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com) for location details
- **City of Los Angeles S.A.F.E. centers:**
  - > **San Pedro: Gaffey Street**  
1400 N. Gaffey Street, San Pedro, 90021
  - > **Los Angeles: Glendale**  
4600 Colorado Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90039
  - > **Playa del Rey: Hyperion Treatment Plant**  
7660 W. Imperial Hwy, Gate B, Playa del Rey, 90293
  - > **Sun Valley: Randall Street**  
11025 Randall Street, Sun Valley, 91352
  - > **West Los Angeles: UCLA**  
550 Charles E. Young Drive West, Los Angeles 90095
  - > **Los Angeles: Washington Blvd.**  
2649 E. Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90021

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- **AVECC (Antelope Valley)**  
1200 W. City Ranch Road, Palmdale, 93551
- **City of Los Angeles S.A.F.E. centers** (listed above)
- **Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health**  
Visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com) for location details



#### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON:**

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or call our Hotline,  
**1(888) CLEAN LA**  
**1(888) 253-2652**

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Call the Bureau of Sanitation Hotline,  
**1(800) 98-TOXIC**  
**1(800) 988-6942**

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