

Think Twice About Sharps Disposal

A GUIDE TO SAFE DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD SYRINGES AND LANCETS

A FREE PROGRAM FOR CONSUMERS



MILLIONS OF PEOPLE USE SYRINGES AND LANCETS TO MANAGE THEIR HEALTH-CARE AT HOME. THESE SYRINGES AND LANCETS ARE CALLED household sharps.

WHO USES SHARPS ON CAPE COD? Children, teenagers, adults and seniors all participate in home-health care management of their illnesses. Those who use sharps **MUST** properly store and discard them after use.

What you should do between drop-offs

Put used syringes and lancets in a sharps container, or a puncture-resistant rigid plastic container. Label the bottle:
Contains Sharps.

- ✓ KEEP SHARPS AWAY FROM CHILDREN AND PETS!
- ✓ PUT USED SHARPS IMMEDIATELY IN YOUR CONTAINER.
- ✓ KEEP CONTAINER CLOSED BETWEEN USES.
- ✓ BRING A CONTAINER WITH YOU WHEN YOU TRAVEL.
- ✓ STORE CONTAINER IN A SAFE PLACE.

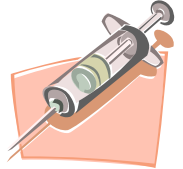
Sharps are not recyclable!
Do not throw sharps in the trash!

What you should *not* do between drop-offs

- ✗ DO NOT FLUSH SHARPS DOWN THE TOILET.
- ✗ DO NOT DROP SHARPS INTO STORM DRAINS.
- ✗ DO NOT CLIP, BEND OR RECAP SHARPS.

Do not put sharps into containers that can be punctured or broken, such as:

- ☛ SODA CANS
- ☛ COFFEE CANS
- ☛ GLASS JARS
- ☛ MILK CARTONS
- ☛ JUICE CARTONS
- ☛ PLASTIC SODA BOTTLES
- ☛ PLASTIC JUICE BOTTLES



THE NATIONAL GOAL...*shall be that no syringes are discarded in the trash, or in public locations, such as parks, buildings or in the streets...*

On Cape Cod we share this goal to:

- ✿ Protect children and pets.
- ✿ Protect solid waste disposal workers.
- ✿ Prevent re-use or sharing of sharps that can transmit infectious diseases.
- ✿ Protect our environment.

◆ HARWICH COLLECTION LOCATION ◆

Harwich Transfer Station
209 Queen Anne Road
8-4 every day 508-430-7558

Bring your full sharps containers. You will receive a new sharps container in return.

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