

# A Guide to Sharps Disposal

Protect Yourself - Protect Others - Protect the Environment

## Managing Home-Generated Sharps

- Sharps should be placed into an approved container immediately after use.
- Do not attempt to remove, bend, break or recap the needle.
- Keep all sharps and disposal containers out of reach of children.
- Don't throw used needles, syringes or lancets in the garbage, recycling or green-waste containers.
- Don't flush needles down the toilet.
- Bring your  $\frac{3}{4}$  filled sharps container to the locations listed below or other approved sites (do not overfill).

## Drop-off Locations in West Contra Costa County

### **City of El Cerrito\***

El Cerrito Recycling and Environmental  
Resource Center  
7501 Schmidt Lane  
Drop-off hours are Monday - Friday:  
8:00am to 5:00pm  
Saturday - Sunday: 9:00am to 4:45pm

### **City of Hercules Drop-off Kiosk\***

Hercules City Hall  
111 Civic Drive  
24 hour drop-off bins located outside  
of main entrance

### **City of Pinole Drop-off Kiosk\***

Pinole Police Station  
880 Tenant Avenue  
Lobby hours are M-F 8am-5pm

### **City of San Pablo Drop-off Kiosk\***

San Pablo Police Station  
13880 San Pablo Avenue  
Lobby hours are 7:30am-6pm M-Thurs

### **\*\*NEW\*\* Community of El Sobrante\***

Richmond Fire Department Station  
#63 5201 Valley View Rd  
24-hour drop off bins located outside  
of main entrance

### **Community of North Richmond\***

West County HHW Collection Facility  
101 Pittsburg Avenue  
Drop-off hours are TH, F & Sat 9am to 4  
pm, closed from 12 to 12:30

### **City of Richmond Drop-off Kiosks**

Senior Center  
2525 MacDonald Avenue  
Drop-off hours are M-F 8:30am-5pm,  
Sat 8am-11am

### **Annex Senior Center**

5801 Huntington Avenue  
24 hour drop-off bin located outside  
of main entrance

### **Richmond Police Station\***

1701 Regatta Blvd.  
Drop-off hours are M-Sun 7am -8pm

### **West County Wastewater District Office\***

2910 Hilltop Drive, Richmond  
Lobby hours are M-F 8am-5pm  
closed 12pm -1pm

\*Pharmaceutical collection kiosk is also located at this site

## Approved Sharps Containers

The FDA recommends that used needles and other sharps be placed in FDA-cleared sharps disposal containers, go to [www.FDA.gov](http://www.FDA.gov) and enter 'sharps disposal containers' in the search box. FDA-cleared sharps disposal containers are generally available through pharmacies, medical supply companies, health care providers, and on-line.

## Other Resources to Consider:

- Your doctor's office or hospital may collect only their patients' sharps (but check first).
- Check the California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) website: [www.CalRecycle.ca.gov](http://www.CalRecycle.ca.gov) and place 'sharps' in the search box to find a listing of drug manufacturer's mail-back programs, some of which may be free.

Other businesses and facilities that take back home-generated sharps waste can be found through:

1-800-CLEANUP (1-800-253-2687)

[www.Earth911.org](http://www.Earth911.org)

The California Department of Public Health Medical Waste Management Program maintains a list of home-generated sharps consolidation points in the state on-line at [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov).

## Mail-Back Services for a fee:

- GRP & Associates [www.sharpsdisposal.com](http://www.sharpsdisposal.com) (800) 207-0976
- Republic Services [www.republicsharps.com](http://www.republicsharps.com) (855) 737-7871
- Sharps Compliance, Inc. [www.sharpsinc.com](http://www.sharpsinc.com) (800) 772-5657
- Stericycle, Inc. <https://store.stericycle.com> (800) 355-8773
- WCM (Waste & Compliance Management, Inc.) [www.wastewise.com](http://www.wastewise.com) (866) 436-9264
- Waste Management MedWaste Tracker [www.wm.com/residential/medical-waste.jsp](http://www.wm.com/residential/medical-waste.jsp) (866) 803-7561
- XMED Disposal, Inc. [www.stericycle.com/xmed](http://www.stericycle.com/xmed) (866) 735-9709

**Thank you for doing your part to protect workers and the environment**