

Take-Back Locations

Take back full Sharps containers to your local pharmacy for FREE disposal.

Look for this window sticker at your pharmacy.



Or visit us online at www.iwma.com for a location near you.

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Please feel free to call or e-mail us if you have concerns or questions about Sharps Disposal inside the County of San Luis Obispo.

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Sharps Disposal



**How do I Safely Dispose
of My Home Generated
Needles and Syringes?**

The Problem

According to California State Law it is **illegal** to throw away Sharps into your garbage, recycling, or green waste cans!



What Are Sharps?

They include hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other devices used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications at home.

Do

- **Do** pick up a **FREE** Sharps container from your local pharmacy.



- **DO** use an approved Sharps container to put used sharps in (see photo above). When it is full, **seal it** and return it to any San Luis Obispo County pharmacy for **FREE** disposal.
- **DO** use this program for home generated Sharps

Don't

- **DON'T** put Sharps containers in your recycling, garbage, or green waste cans.
- **DON'T** flush Sharps down the toilet. Sharps that are flushed down the toilet may end up on our beaches and riverbanks.
- **DON'T** use this program for Sharps from medical facilities.
- **DON'T** put Sharps in bleach bottles, soda cans or bottles, juice bottles, glass containers or milk cartons.

