

## Take-Back Locations

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

Look for this window sticker at your pharmacy.

### Home Generated Sharps



**Return your full Sharps container here**

Or visit us online at [www.iwma.com](http://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.

**You Can Help  
Prevent Needle  
Stick Injuries!**

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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.

