

# Safe Options for Sharps Disposal

## Protect Yourself, Protect Others

Sharps are syringes, needles and lancets. They must be disposed of properly to prevent injury to people and the spread of germs.



**Contact the County of San Diego Household Hazardous Waste at 1-877-713-2784 for information for disposal locations in your area.**

### **Sharps should not be:**

- Thrown in the garbage
- Flushed down the toilet
- Placed in recycling containers
- Brought to the hospital

### **Put sharps waste in its place.**

- Sharps should be placed in a hard plastic or metal container with a tight cap or lid.
- Ask your local pharmacy if they take back used sharps.
- Take your used sharps to drop-off collection sites.
- Consider using a “mail back” service (fees apply).

For more information, visit: <http://safeneedledisposal.org/> or <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/ep/hazardous/medsharpsdisposal.shtml>

*Look in the government section of your local white pages for a household hazardous waste listing for your city or county.*