

# **Home-Generated Sharps Waste Management Program**

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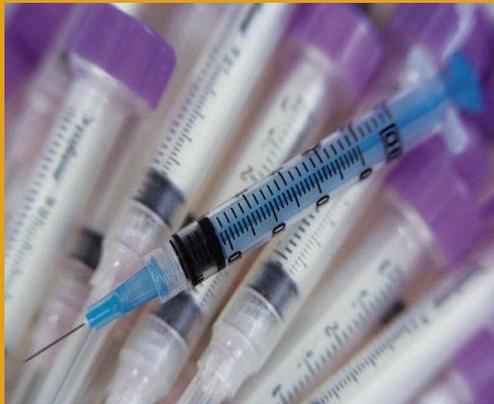
## **Senate Bill 1305**

- **On September 1, 2008, SB 1305 will make it illegal to dispose of home-generated sharps waste in trash, recycling, and refuse containers.**
- **The new law also requires that sharps waste be transported or mailed to an authorized facility using an approved sharps container.**

# What is Home Generated Sharps Waste?

Commonly used medicinal devices derived from a household such as:

- Hypodermic needles
- Pen needles
- Syringes
- Lancets
- Any other device used to penetrate the skin



# County's Home-Generated Sharps Management Program

To ensure proper disposal and safe handling of sharps waste, Public Works has enhanced its existing HHW Program by implementing the Home-Generated Sharps Waste Management Program.

## **Program Specifics**

- PW will make state approved sharps containers available to all residents of LA County.
- Residents can pick-up a free sharps container at one of the County's designated distribution sites.
- Once a container is full residents can take them to any designated collection site for proper disposal, where they may also pick-up a new container.

# Distribution and Collection Sites

Site	Distribution	Collection
Public Works Headquarters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
AVECC (Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Goodwill Stores (16+ locations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
City of West Covina (2 locations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
LACo Dept. Public Health (14 Health Centers)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HHW mobile collection events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City of LA S.A.F.E. Centers (6 locations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City of San Dimas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

# Available Sharps Containers

## Regular Container

- 1.5 Quart (BD Container)
- State approved
- Holds 60-85 1cc syringes
- Available at all distribution and collection sites



## Mail-Back Container

- 1.0 Quart (Sharps Compliance)
- Barcode tracking system
- USPS pre-paid postage box
- Available to disabled, elderly, or home-bound residents



# Tips for Safe Disposal of Sharps

- Do **NOT** place your sharps waste in the trash, green waste, or recycling bin.
- Use only State-approved sharps containers. Check availability at the distribution sites or ask your pharmacist or doctor.
- If you use a plastic bottle, do not use water bottles. They are made of plastic that will puncture. Use a clean bleach or detergent bottle. Seal the top with tape and label the container "SHARPS".
- Fill your container until it is about 3/4 full. Seal it securely.
- Do **NOT** flush your sharps waste or medications down the toilet or drain.
- Keep your sharps containers out of reach of children and pets.
- Dispose of your sharps waste at one of the County designated collection sites.

# Future Program Goals

- Create partnerships with other County departments, cities, and local pharmacies to expand program participation.
- Launch a highly visible outreach campaign to promote new program to all County residents (i.e. broadcast media, newspaper ads, PSA's).
- Annually increase the amount of sharps waste collected throughout LA County through convenient outlets and sharps consolidation points.

**Thank You**

Do the right thing and save your  
environment.

**Dispose of your sharps waste  
properly!**

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