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Sierra County



A Guide to Syringe & Needle Disposal

Disposing of Your Syringes & Needles (Home-Generated Sharps) and Why Are They Dangerous?

It is illegal to dispose of syringes and needles (sharps) in the trash, recycling bin, or composting bin. All used syringes and needles are considered biohazardous wastes, potentially contaminated with agents that can cause disease in humans, animals and contamination of the environment.

To ensure public and the environment safety from potentially infectious disease causing agents its is crucial to **properly dispose of your home-generated syringes and needles.**

Sierra County local transfer stations cannot accept your home-generated syringes and needles.

Good news is that Sierra County Health & Human Services have **collection centers**, where you can safely drop off your home-generated syringes and needles, and they will be taken to an appropriate final destination where they will be legally disposed of.

Sierra County's home-generated syringes and needles collection centers are:

- Sierra County Wellness Center - 706 Mill Street, Loyalton 96118
- Downieville Health & Human Services - 22 Maiden Lane Downieville 95936



If you are not be able to bring your home-generated syringes and needles to the county's drop-off locations, you may contact the Sierra County Health & Human Department in order to request and schedule **syringes and needles pick up** (contact information below).

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- Don't throw used needles, syringes, or lancets in the garbage.
- Don't put needles and syringes in containers 'hUhk]` VY`di h]b` U'fYVWV]b[`V]b.
- Don't flush needles and syringes down the toilet.



SHARPS DISPOSAL



To **properly and legally dispose of syringes and needles, and to protect staff operating this program, XcHYZ`ck]b[.**

- Do use an approved disposal container. If in case you don't have an approved container at home, **do** package syringes and needles in a rigid, sealed container only.

For further information, contact Dan Henson, Sierra County Health & Human Services at (530) 993-6777 or at dhenson@sierracounty.ca.gov