

# Sharps & Medication Disposal

## Sharps Disposal

Follow these simple steps to safely dispose of your lancets, needles and syringes with needles

### 1 Place Sharps in a Sharps Container

If you don't have a sharps container, you can make one! Homemade sharps containers must be of rigid plastic with a secure lid such as a laundry soap or bleach bottle. Container must be one gallon capacity or less.



**Print free labels using this link:**  
[rcwaste.org/Waste-Guide/sharps](http://rcwaste.org/Waste-Guide/sharps)  
Preprinted labels are available at HHW collection facilities or by calling (951) 486-3200



**Do not use containers such as milk jugs, water bottles, soda cans or glass jars for sharps disposal**



### 2 Bring Sharps to a Collection Site

Household sharps containers can be brought to any of the facilities listed on the HHW collection page of this flyer or one of the following sharps kiosk locations. Sharps generated by businesses, including professional home health care services, are prohibited by law at these locations. For more info visit [rcwaste.org/Waste-Guide/sharps](http://rcwaste.org/Waste-Guide/sharps)



#### Beaumont - Hemet Area

Lamb Canyon Landfill  
16411 Lamb Canyon Road, Beaumont, 92223  
Open: Monday - Saturday, 6:00 AM - 4:30 PM

#### Riverside - Moreno Valley Area

Badlands Landfill  
31125 Ironwood Avenue, Moreno Valley, 92555  
Open: Monday - Saturday, 6:00 AM - 4:30 PM

#### Additional Sharps Disposal Services

Mail-back programs (check with your city or purchase at a pharmacy)  
Additional sharps and medication services may be provided by your local city (contact your city for details)

## Medication Disposal

Use one of the options below to safely dispose of your medications

### 1 The California Product Stewardship Council provides free drop-off locations for medications

Visit the CPSC website at [www.takebackdrugs.org](http://www.takebackdrugs.org) for instructions and to find a drop-off location near you!



#### How does it work? Follow these 3 easy steps:

1. At home, remove pills and other solid medications from their containers and consolidate in a clear plastic zipper bag. Keep liquid and cream medication tightly sealed in their original containers.

#### Easy as 1-2-3! Follow These Steps:

**1**  **Obscure personal info from containers & recycle them.**

**2**  **Place pills in clear zipper bag. Keep liquids & creams in packaging.**

**3**  **Place zipper pill bag & liquids and creams in their original containers into the bin.**

2. Remove, mark out or otherwise obscure personal information from solid and liquid/cream medication containers to protect your personal information. Recycle containers for solid medications in your household recycling.

3. Bring zipper bag and any liquids/creams to a Don't Rush to Flush location and place in the bin - it's that easy!

#### What goes in the Don't Rush to Flush Bins?

- Prescription medications (see website for restrictions)
- Over-the-counter medications
- Medicated ointments and lotions (leave tightly sealed in original containers)
- Pet medications

### 2 Bring your medications to any of the facilities listed on the HHW collection page

Containers must have all information removed from them. Pills must be removed from their original container and placed in a sealed bag that is one quart size or smaller (**controlled substances are not accepted**).

**Maximum limit: 1 gallon or 8 pounds per trip**



#### Acceptable Medications:

- Nutritional supplements
- Prescription medications
- Over-the-counter medications
- Pet medications

#### Unacceptable Medications:

- Controlled substances
- Chemotherapy medications
- Business or health care generated pharmaceutical waste
- Medication containers with personal information on them



### 3 Unused or expired controlled substances may also be turned in for safe disposal to the Drug Enforcement Agency

Visit [takebackday.dea.gov](http://takebackday.dea.gov) for a collection site near you



**Prescription mail back envelopes may be available for purchase at your local pharmacy**



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