

Disposal of Home-Generated Medical Waste

Are you looking for sites in Contra Costa that collect sharps or medications?

Improper disposal of sharps and medication waste can negatively impact fish and other aquatic life, harm the environment, lead to misuse and put waste disposal employees at risk of injury or infection.

Find out how you can safely and easily dispose of Sharps and Medical Waste.

What is Sharps and Medication Waste?

Sharps Waste includes, but is not limited to, hypodermic needles, hypodermic needles with syringes, blades, needles with attached tubing, syringes contaminated with biohazardous waste, and broken glass.

Medication Waste is synonymous with drug waste, unused or expired medication, unused or expired drugs, prescription and over-the-counter human drugs, veterinary drugs, diagnostic agents and nutritional supplements.

Don't flush medications down the toilet!
Visit:
www.pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/dont_flush_meds.pdf

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Concord, CA 95420
Phone: 925-692-2500
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<http://cchealth.org/eh/>

To find places to dispose of sharps and medications in California, visit:

Sharps and Medication Disposal Directory
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/homehazwaste/healthcare/collection

**These facilities do not accept controlled substances such as "street drugs"

Visit these links for more information on disposal of home generated medical waste:

Home-Generated Sharps Recycling:
www.calrecycle.ca.gov/homehazwaste/sharps/household.htm

Recycling of Unwanted Medication:
www.wastediversion.org/app_pages/view/219

Medical Sharps Collection Program at Mount View Sanitary District:
www.mvsd.org/

For a list of facilities in Contra Costa County, visit:
www.cccounty.us/depart/cd/recycle/