

DISTRIBUTION SITES:

Pick up your **free** sharps container at any of the following distribution sites:

- **Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works**
900 S. Fremont Avenue, Annex 3rd Floor, Alhambra, 91803
- **Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC)** - 1200 W. City Ranch Road, Palmdale, 93551
- **Goodwill stores**
Visit www.888CleanLA.com for location details
- **City of West Covina**
Visit www.888CleanLA.com for location details
- **Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health**
Visit www.888CleanLA.com for location details
- **HHW mobile collection events**
Visit www.888CleanLA.com for location details
- **City of Los Angeles S.A.F.E. centers**
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COLLECTION SITES:

When your container is 3/4 full, return it to any of the collection sites for proper disposal free of charge.

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Call 1 (888) CLEAN LA for more information or visit www.888CleanLA.com to view a complete listing of designated Collection and Distribution sites.



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON:

County's
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program
Visit our website,
www.888CleanLA.com
or call our Hotline,
1(888) CLEAN LA
1(888) 253-2652

Upon 72 hours' notice, Public Works can provide program information and publications in alternate formats or make other accommodations for people with disabilities. In addition, program documents are available at our main office in Alhambra (900 S. Fremont Ave., Annex 3rd Floor), which is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request accommodations **ONLY** or for more Americans with Disabilities Act information, please contact our departmental Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (626) 458-4081 or TDD at (626) 282-7829, Monday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The County offers a mail-back Sharps waste disposal program that is limited to **ONLY** elderly and disabled residents. To request a mail-back container, please call our hotline at 1 (888) CLEAN LA.

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Home-Generated Sharps Waste Management Program

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works



*Do the right thing and save your environment!
Learn how to dispose of your sharps waste properly.*



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Environmental Programs Division
Household Hazardous Waste Management Program
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Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

What is home-generated sharps waste?

“Home-generated sharps waste” means hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other devices that are used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications derived from a household, including a multifamily residence or household.

Can I throw my sharps waste in the trash?

No, it is illegal. If you self-inject at home, State law prohibits disposal of your sharps waste in the trash.

Where do I place my sharps waste once they have been used?

You must place your sharps waste in a proper, State-approved container. You can pick one up for free at a County designated distribution site. Distribution sites are listed on the back.

Once filled, how can I dispose of my sharps container?

When your sharps container is about 3/4 full, seal it tightly and take it to a County designated collection site as soon as possible. At that time a new container can be obtained. Collection sites are listed on the back.

What happens when sharps waste is not properly disposed?

They can injure people; can spread germs (hepatitis and HIV/AIDS); damage recycling equipment; and require people to be tested for years for HIV and hepatitis, if they are stuck.

Safely manage your SHARPS WASTE

- The proper way to dispose of sharps waste is to use only State-approved sharps containers. Check availability at the County designated distribution sites or ask your pharmacist or doctor about them.
- When your sharps container is about 3/4 full, seal it securely.
- Keep your sharps containers out of reach of children and pets.
- Bring your filled sharps container to any of the following collection sites for proper disposal. At this time a new container can be obtained.
 - 1) Los Angeles County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events
 - 2) Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC)
 - 3) City of Los Angeles' S.A.F.E. Centers
 - 4) Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

(Additional sites may be available at www.888CleanLA.com)



DO NOT...

- Flush your sharps waste or medications down the toilet or drain.
- Place your sharps waste in the trash, green waste, or recycling bin.
- Put needles into used plastic milk jugs, bleach bottles, or soda bottles.



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