

Proper disposal for home generated sharps

As of September 1, 2008, Senate Bill 1305 (Figueroa) has taken effect in the State of California, making it illegal to place used home-generated sharps in the trash or recycling receptacles. Home-generated sharps include needles, syringes, and lancets that are used to manage medical care at home.

The new law mandates used sharps to be placed in approved sharps containers, which are often sold at your local pharmacies. Once the container is full, you may dispose of the full used sharps container through the following options:

Drop-off:

[Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste \(HHW\) facility](#)

Bring your full used sharps container for free disposal to:

Oakland HHW facility located at:

2100 East 7th Street, Oakland

Click here for hours of operations

<http://stopwaste.org/home/index.asp?page=577>

Casa Segura – The Needle Exchange Program

Click here for a location near you.

<http://www.casasegura.org/needle-exchange.html>

Mail back services:

If you purchase sharps containers on-line, make sure the retailer will take used sharps back and request a pre-addressed, prepaid mail-back box. A list of mail back services can be found at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste>

Please re-visit this site in January 2009 for other drop-off sites.