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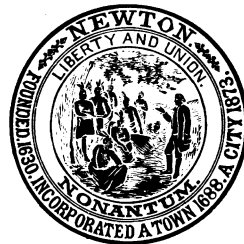
- Another way to safely dispose of sharps is by purchasing a prepaid, mail-back sharps container at a local pharmacy. Customers can purchase a container, fill it, and mail it to a company for safe disposal.
- For a list of mail order sharps disposal companies, visit www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/hazardous/medical.htm

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Safe Sharps Disposal



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How to safely dispose of household sharps in Newton

What are household sharps?

Needles and lancets used at home to inject medicine into people or pets.

Why is household sharps disposal important?

Properly disposing of sharps helps keep potentially harmful products out of the waste stream.

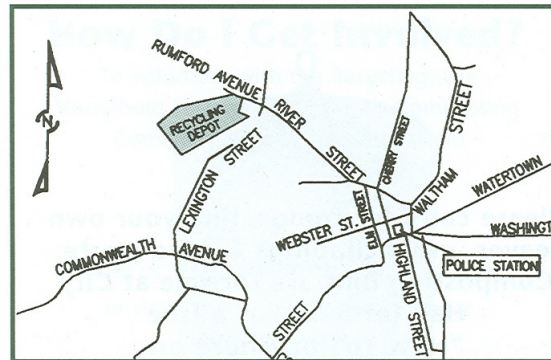


A new state law takes effect July 1, 2012 that prohibits people from disposing of needles and lancets in the trash.

Where do I take my household sharps?

Household Sharps Disposal Day
Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Recycling Depot at the Rumford Ave Resource Recovery Center
Rumford Ave, Newton



- Newton residents only; bring proof of residency
- Household sharps only; no business vehicles admitted

How do I store used sharps until disposal?

- ☑ Place sharps in a red medical waste container or other puncture proof container such as a detergent bottle.



Buy red medical waste containers at your local pharmacy, through the mail or use a puncture proof bottle.

- ☑ Use the container until it is nearly full and then tightly close the lid.
- ☑ Reinforce the lid with tape so sharps won't spill out.
- ☑ There is no time limit for keeping containers. It is best to nearly fill them to make this program cost effective.

Do's and Don'ts

- ☑ Do keep sharps containers closed between uses and out of reach of children and pets
- ☑ Do dispose of the entire container on Household Sharps Disposal Day
- ☒ Don't bring loose needles or lancets
- ☒ Don't put sharps containers, loose needles or lancets in your recycling bin, garbage or down the toilet

