

Disposal of Household Generated Sharps

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Household Trash Disposal

Household generated sharps may be thrown out with your regular trash provided that you do the following:

1. Confirm that the transfer station or other place where your trash is received can accept the sharps.
2. Before putting the sharps in the trash, place them inside rigid, puncture resistant containers such plastic laundry or bleach containers, seal the lid with heavy duty tape and label the container "SHARPS—not for recycling." Containers that are specifically designed for the disposal of sharps can be purchased if you prefer.

Disposal at Health Care Facilities

The following medical facilities accept properly contained syringes from the community:

- Franklin Regional Hospital, Franklin (603) 934-2060
- Frisbie Memorial Hospital, Rochester (603) 332-5211
- Lakes Region General Hospital, Laconia (603) 524-3211
- Littleton Hospital, Littleton (603) 444-9323
- New London Hospital, New London (603) 526-2911
- Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua (603) 577-2547
- St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua (603) 882-3000
- Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, Colebrook (603) 237-4971
- Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster (603) 788-4911



Disposal at NH Department of Transportation (DOT) Rest Areas

Household generated sharps can be disposed of at the Canterbury, Epsom, Hooksett-North, Hooksett-South, Littleton, Nashua, Salem, Seabrook and Sutton rest areas, as part of the DOT's blood borne pathogen safety program. The program is designed to protect public health and state employees from the potential impact of blood borne pathogens. The containers are "one way" disposal units with a spring-loaded "door" that allows material to be dropped into the container, but not retrieved. For further information on the DOT program, contact Al Barrington, Bureau of Turnpikes, at (603) 485-3806 or abarrington@dot.state.nh.us.