Does your community have a solution for used sharps?

MedWaste TRACKER™
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Every day, millions of people across the country self-inject their medications. But they don’t always dispose of used sharps, syringes and lancets properly. These items may end up in the environment, where they put others at risk of injury or infection. That’s why laws to regulate their disposal are now in place in a growing number of states.

As your community partner, Waste Management can help you protect your community members. Our MedWaste Community Sharps Disposal Programs are designed to protect the general public and workers, including those in municipal jobs, environmental services, hospitality, home care and other areas. Each program is an easy, environmentally sound way to contain used sharps and provide for their safe disposal and destruction.

Community Return

In this program, consumers are encouraged to drop off their sharps at neighborhood locations such as fire stations, police stations, and community centers, or at a self-maintaining kiosk.

How it works: Community Locations

Consumers obtain MedWaste sharps containers from local retailers such as medical supply companies and pharmacies.

Once the containers are filled per product specifications, they drop them off at convenient locations, including fire stations, police stations, community centers or other community-designated locations.

All shipping materials are included, and pre-paid postage is included in the purchase price.

How it works: Community Kiosk

Our self-maintaining kiosk is designed for placement in front of fire and police stations and other retail locations convenient to the public. The tamper-resistant kiosk accepts any sharps container up to 1-gallon size and uses a bar-code-based program to receive it. A sensor inside the unit triggers a message alerting Waste Management and the host when the kiosk is full.
Did You Know? The number of syringes used for self-injections is projected to grow fourfold in the next 20 years.

Simple for you. Safe for your community.

Waste Management’s MedWaste Community Sharps Disposal Programs:

• Comply with federal, state and municipal regulations
• Provide convenient neighborhood drop-off locations
• Let community members return sharps at their convenience
• Are simple, safe, affordable and environmentally responsible
• Are approved by the U.S. Postal Service
• Make online ordering easy and convenient for your community’s residents at ThinkGreenFromHome.com

Individual Return

This program gives residents a confidential and safe way to dispose of sharps.

How it works: Pharmacy Return

Safe, easy, convenient and affordable – this program works on both sides of the counter.

Consumers who inject medication purchase a 1.4-quart sharps container from a participating pharmacy. They fill the container with used syringes and lancets. When it’s full, they return it to the pharmacy where it was purchased.

Participating pharmacies collect the used containers as customers return them, using MedWaste Tracker™ products. When the containment solution is full, the pharmacy staff simply close and seal it according to directions. The pharmacy staff mails it to Waste Management by way of the U.S. Postal Service. All packaging is provided, and postage is included in the purchase price. Replacement supplies can be ordered as needed from Waste Management by phone or online.

How it works

Consumers obtain the MedWaste system from a pharmacy or online at ThinkGreenFromHome.com. Waste Management representatives can work with you to make sure supplies are readily available to your community. Consumers fill the containers with their used syringes and lancets. When it’s filled per product specifications, they simply close the box, seal it and arrange a pick-up with their U.S.P.S. office. All mailing materials are provided, and postage is included in the purchase price.

In some communities, pharmacists can work with their Waste Management representative to file a claim to be reimbursed for the cost of the containers, using a third-party payer.
For people needing to self-inject their medications in public, these tamper-resistant cabinets offer an easy, safe solution. They are suitable for installation in public restrooms at airports, stadiums, retail stores and many other kinds of community spaces. Individuals simply deposit used syringes into a 5.4-quart receptacle housed inside the wall-mounted, locked cabinet.

Did You Know? In the United States, more than three percent of the population self-inject some type of medication daily. It is important for communities to ensure that loose syringes and lancets are securely contained and not allowed to become a public health hazard.

Contact your local Waste Management specialist, or call 1-866-931-6321 for more information.