

What are Sharps?

Sharps are needles, syringes, lancets and other medical devices that are used to inject yourself, your child or your pet with medicine to treat medical conditions such as allergies, diabetes, and other diseases at home. People who use sharps are called “self-injectors.” Many self-injectors are unaware of safe disposal methods and throw their used needles in the trash or flush them down the toilet at great risk to public health and safety.

Why are used needles & syringes dangerous?

Improper disposal of sharps injures hundreds of recycling, sanitation and custodial workers each year and has the potential to harm others that come in contact with used sharps. The recycling staff at Kings Waste and Recycling Authority are always at risk of injury from discarded needles and other medical sharps. Children, adults, and even pets are at risk for needle-stick injuries when sharps are disposed of improperly at home or in a public setting. Used sharps spread germs and infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, tetanus, and syphilis. Proper disposal of sharps can prevent injury and transmission of disease.

Contact Kings Waste & Recycling Authority to pick-up your free sharps container and find out more about proper sharps disposal—

(SHARPS CONTAINER SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY)



Kings Waste & Recycling Authority
7803 Hanford-Armona Road • Hanford, CA 93230
Open: Monday-Friday from 7 am to 4 pm
(559)583-8829



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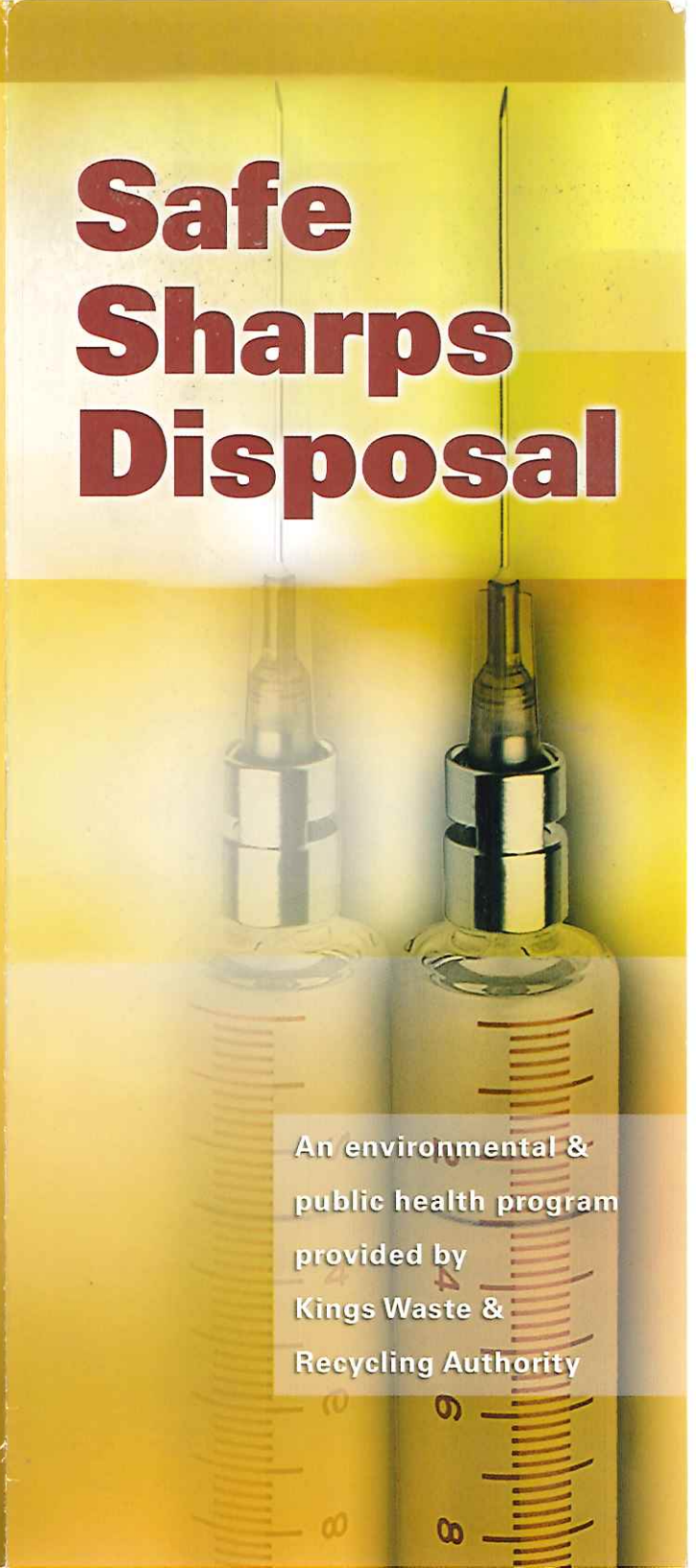


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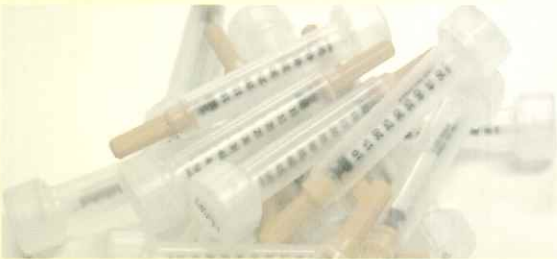
Safe Sharps Disposal

An environmental & public health program provided by Kings Waste & Recycling Authority



How should SHARPS be contained?

All needles should be treated as if they carry a disease. Used sharps must be contained in a special sharps container that is puncture resistant, rigid, *and* leak proof. Sharps disposal containers are available at no charge...that's FREE, at the Kings Waste and Recycling Authority. Do not put sharps in containers that can be punctured such as soda cans, coffee cans, milk or juice cartons, plastic soda or plastic juice bottles. When recycled, sharps can puncture or escape from these containers and injure recycling staff.



SHARPS are **NOT** recyclable!

Never place sharps in a recycling bin or leave needles and syringes where someone can be injured. **Never discard sharps in the trash.** Do not flush needles, syringes, or lancets down the toilet. Do not clip, bend or recap sharps. **Sharps must be disposed of in an approved sharps container** or at a designated sharps drop off site.



How can I get a SHARPS container?



The Kings Waste and Recycling Authority can provide you with a free sharps container that you can use for proper disposal. Call the recycling facility at (559) 583-8829, and ask for a free sharps container (*while supplies last*). These containers can be picked up or dropped off for disposal at the recycling facility during normal work hours Monday through Friday or at special hazardous waste collection events. The Kings Waste and Recycling Authority is located at 7803 Hanford-Armona Road on Route 43, one mile south of HWY 198.

Where should I bring my SHARPS container?

Sharps are accepted at Kings Waste and Recycling Authority in Hanford, Monday through Friday between 7 am and 4 pm, or at special collection events. Dispose of your sharps in a sealed puncture resistant container and *receive a free replacement sharps container (while supplies last)* for future disposal needs. All sharps brought to the Kings Waste and Recycling Authority will be disposed in an appropriate hazardous/medical waste disposal facility in accordance with all federal, state and local regulations.

