



COMMUNITY  
**SHARPS**  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



## What are **Community Sharps**?

Community sharps are needles, syringes, pen needles, lancets and similar equipment used outside medical services, such as in homes.

Many people rely on using needles and syringes to maintain their health or that of a family member, for example.

*If you find a  
used syringe in a public place  
you can call  
Needle Clean Up  
Hotline  
1800 633 353*

## Disposal of **Community Sharps**?

Community sharps should always be disposed of in a secure **community sharps disposal bin**. Because of the potential risk of injury to workers and other community members they should never be disposed of:

- ✘ in household waste or recycling bins (plastic syringes are **NOT** recyclable)
- ✘ in public litter bins
- ✘ by flushing down toilets or drains
- ✘ by discarding into the environment.

For the location of your nearest community sharps disposal bin go to: [www.safesharps.org.au](http://www.safesharps.org.au)

Alternatively contact your local council or Local Health District

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