

Community Sharps

DISPOSAL FACILITIES

are available at:

Rankine Street
Crescent Head

Waste Management Centre
Crescent Head Road

Stuart's Point
Library/Community Hall

Hat Head Surf Club
cnr Bay and Myrtle Streets

Kempsey District Hospital
Up ramp outside ED on River Street

Forest Park, Elbow Street
(next to Medical Centre)

Stuart Street Car Park
Kempsey, near East West Plaza

Council Carpark
corner Paragon Ave and Gregory Street,
South West Rocks

Polwood Street, Kempsey
Cnr Tozer and Polwood Streets

www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au

One litre metal containers will be located in public toilets at:

South Kempsey Park, Kempsey

Riverside Park, Kempsey

Belgrave Street Taxi Rank, Kempsey

Clyde Street Mall, Kempsey

Crescent Head Reserve

Horseshoe Bay, South West Rocks

Needles placed in our sharps bins are collected regularly by Steri-Health and destroyed. All community members should be aware of disposal locations and are encouraged to inform family and friends of locations to ensure our Shire remains a safe and enjoyable area.

For further information on

HOW TO DISPOSE

of your community sharps
safely contact:



Kempsey Shire Council
02 6566 3200

Or email
ksc@kempsey.nsw.gov.au

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A GUIDE TO Safe Disposal

COMMUNITY SHARPS **KSC**
Management Program

What are

Community Sharps?

Community sharps are needles, syringes, pen needles, lancets and similar equipments 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.

Visit www.safesharps.org.au to locate your nearest disposal facility.

If you find a syringe in a public place please contact your Council on 6566 3200 or the Needle Clean Up Hotline 1800 633 353

How do I dispose of my

Community Sharps?

To reduce the risk of harm to others as well as to our environment, **DO NOT** put sharps in your household waste, recycling bin or public litter bin.

DO USE:

- an Australian Standard Sharps container
- a puncture proof plastic container with a lid (not glass or tin)
- a community sharps bin in a public toilet, at a public hospital or other disposal facility

Did you know: Surveys conducted by Diabetes Australia in 2010 and 2012 show that over 50% of respondents in NSW did not know where to safely deposit their sharps.

Be a community sharps

Safety Sticker!

Dispose of the container at a community sharps disposal facility.

Contact the Needle Clean Up Hotline on 1800 633 353,

or your local council for the location of safe disposal facilities in your area.

A safe disposal service is also available at public hospitals.

- Tell children never to pick up community sharps but to call an adult. Never put community sharps (either loose or in any type of container) in recycling bins because of the high risk of injury to workers
- plastic syringes are not recyclable.

Be a Community Sharps Safety Sticker with all used syringes, needles and lancets.

The Community Sharps Management Program supports NSW Councils and their partners to effectively manage the disposal of community sharps. For info go to www.communitysharps.org.au