

Community Sharps  
**disposal facilities**  
are *available at:*

*For further information*  
on **how to dispose** of your  
community sharps safely *contact:*

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A **GUIDE TO**  
*safe disposal*

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.

## 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

## Where is my nearest **Community Sharps** disposal bin?

All public hospitals in NSW provide a community sharps disposal service. **Contact your hospital for details.**

Many councils provide community sharps bins for residents to dispose of sharps containers. **Contact your local council to see what disposal services they offer.**

Facilities may also be available at pharmacies, local community health centres and Australian Diabetes Council Resource Centres.

Visit [www.safesharps.org.au](http://www.safesharps.org.au) to locate your nearest disposal facility.

If you find a syringe in a public place please contact your council or the **Needle Clean Up Hotline 1800 633 353.**

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](http://www.communitysharps.org.au)

**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.

Keep an eye out for the **Community Sharps Disposal Icon?**

Anywhere you see this logo is a registered sharps disposal location.

