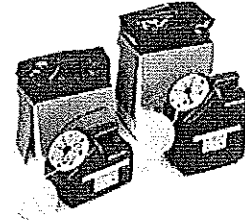


NEEDLES / SYRINGES / LANCETS CANNOT BE BROUGHT TO HHW COLLECTIONS

The EPA does not recommend disposing of sharps in the regular trash. Sharps disposed of in the trash are a safety hazard to anyone who has access to the trash - your children, pets, trash collectors and disposal facility employees. Used sharps can injure people, spread germs, and spread diseases such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B and C, tetanus, and syphilis. Victims of sharps-related injuries face the cost of post-injury testing, disease prevention measures, and counseling, even if no infection or disease was spread. Some diseases can take a long time to appear on test results, leading to months of testing and apprehension.

The EPA recommends the following disposal methods:

1. Drop-off Collection Sites
2. Syringe Exchange Programs
3. Mail-back Programs
4. Home Needle Destruction Devices



Needles and syringes cannot be accepted at household hazardous waste collections in CT. The programs and devices listed below are available in the Greater Hartford area. **Contact your local health department or health care provider for more information.**

Mail-back Programs

Humira[®] Pen and Syringe Disposal – free mail-back disposal of Humira pens and syringes is included with the purchase of these products. Go to <http://www.myhumira.com/Disposal/Default.aspx> or call 1-800-4-HUMIRA for more information.

Daniels Int.	888-952-5580	www.danielsinternational.com
Sharps Inc.	800-772-5657	www.sharpsinc.com
Stericycle	866-783-7422	www.stericycle.com/mail-back-disposal-products

Home Needle Destruction Devices

These devices are available for purchase at your local pharmacy and online.

- Voyager Diabetic Needle Disposal
- Zims Disintegrator Plus
- B-D Safe-Clip

For more information, contact the **Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal** (www.safeneedledisposal.org or 1-800-643-1643), a collaboration of businesses, community groups, non-profit organizations and government that promotes public awareness and solutions for safe disposal of needles, syringes, and other sharps in the community. If you cannot find any other options, sharps can be placed in the trash. **The sharps must be placed in a hard plastic or metal container with a screw-on or tightly secured lid.** Prior to placing in the trash the lid should be reinforced with heavy-duty tape and the container should be marked “Sharps”.