

Protect yourself, your community, your environment, and family and friends. The proper disposal of needles and syringes is important!

WHY?

- Used sharps can cause injury & spread blood-borne diseases
- Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV can all be transmitted by needlesticks

PROPER DISPOSAL

- If you do not have access to a sharps container, place sharps in a puncture resistant container such as a rigid plastic bottle or coffee can. Lid must be secured, screwed or taped shut for disposal
- *Please use size appropriate for quantity being disposed but not more than 3 quarts for each container*
- Deposit full sharps container(s), with secured lid at sharps collection kiosk **NO LOOSE NEEDLES!**



SHARPS DROP-OFF SITES

Public Safety Building - Lobby

32 North Main Street
Andover, MA 01810
24 hour daily

Robb Center/School Admin. Building - Vestibule

30 Whittier Ct
Andover, MA 01810
8 am - 4 pm
Monday – Friday

Medication drop off, a separate kiosk, is also available at the Public Safety Building

****KIOSKS ARE NOT EQUIPPED TO HANDLE LOOSE NEEDLES. PLACE ALL SHARPS IN STURDY, PUNCTURE PROOF CONTAINERS APPROPRIATE TO THE AMOUNT OF SHARPS BEING DISPOSED OF BEFORE DEPOSITING IN KIOSK. NO MORE THAN 3 QUARTS.***

*****FDA-CLEARED SHARPS CONTAINERS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE ROBB CENTER, HEALTH DIVISION OR PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER. DO NOT LEAVE CONTAINERS ON OR AROUND KIOSKS!!!***



***Any questions, please contact
Andover Health Division at
978-623-8640 or at
health@andoverma.gov***

BE INFORMED.

*Resources are just a phone call away.
All calls, information and referrals to
treatment and self-help groups are confidential.*

**Massachusetts Department of Environmental
Protection (DEP)**

617-292-5500, TTY 617-574-6868
mass.gov/dep

**Massachusetts Department of Public Health
(DPH)**

617-624-6000, TTY: 617-624-6001
mass.gov/dph

DPH Bureau of Environmental Health

617-624-5757, TTY: 617-624-5286
mass.gov/orgs/bureau-of-environmental-health

DPH Bureau of Substance Addiction Services

617-624-5111, TTY: 617-536-5387
mass.gov/dph/bsas

DPH Diabetes Prevention and Control Program

617-624-5485, TTY: 617-624-5992
www.mass.gov/dph/diabetes

DPH Office of HIV/AIDS

617-624-5300, TTY: 617-624-5387
mass.gov/hiv

Aids Action Committee

617-437-6200
aac.org

HELPFUL HINTS

Be Safe: Reduce your risk of blood-borne diseases like hepatitis and HIV/AIDS

DO: Find out your HIV/viral hepatitis status. Get tested. If you are not infected you can stay that way. If you are, find out how to take care of yourself and avoid passing HIV/viral hepatitis to others

DO: Bring a sharps container when traveling

DO: Put used syringes in sharps container immediately

DO: Use a new needle every time you inject

DO: Clean your sharps with bleach IF you must reuse them

DO: Clean the injection site with soapy water, alcohol swabs or rubbing alcohol

DO NOT: Inject in the same spot over and over again

DO NOT: Throw needles, syringes and sharps containers in the garbage or in recycling bins. See inside brochure for drop-off locations in Andover

DO NOT: Clip, bend or recap needles

NEVER: Flush sharps down the toilet or drop into storm drains

SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL

**needles, syringes,
lancets, ...**

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**As of July 1, 2012
it is illegal to dispose of
sharps in household
trash.**