

Do's and Don'ts of Sharps Disposal

- ☑ Do keep sharps containers closed between uses and out of reach of children and pets.
- ☑ Do dispose of the entire container at the Wayland Transfer Station
- ☑ Don't bring loose needles or lancets.
- ☑ Don't put sharps containers, loose needles or lancets in your recycling bin, garbage or down the toilet.



Safe Sharp Disposal

Information for Wayland businesses & residents of other communities

- Sharps from businesses will not be accepted at the drop-off location.
- Businesses should contract with a sharps disposal company, visit www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/hazardous/medical.htm
- For a list of sharps disposal locations in other MA communities, visit: www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/aids/needles-syringes-disposal.pdf

More Questions?

DPW (508) 358-3672

http://waylandma.virtualltownhall.net/pages/waylandma_DPW/transfer/

Health Department (508) 358-3617

http://waylandma.virtualltownhall.net/pages/waylandma_health/index

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How to Safely Dispose of Household Sharps in Wayland

What are household sharps?

Needles and lancets used at home to inject medicine into people or pets.

Why is household sharps disposal important?

Properly disposing of sharps helps keep potentially harmful products out of the waste stream.

A new state law takes effect July 1, 2012 that prohibits people from disposing of needles and lancets in the trash.

How do I store used sharps until disposal?

- ☑ Place sharps in an approved, rigid, puncture-resistant, shatter-proof sharps container. Containers can be obtained at the Wayland Transfer Station or purchased at your local pharmacy.
- ☑ Use the container until it is nearly full and then tightly close the lid.
- ☑ Reinforce the lid with tape so sharps won't spill out.
- ☑ There is no time limit for keeping containers. It is best to nearly fill them to make this program cost effective.

Where do I take my household sharps?

ONE DROP OFF LOCATION: WAYLAND RESIDENTS ONLY

Wayland Transfer Station
448 Boston Post Road
Wayland, MA 01778

Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursdays 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

When you arrive at the Transfer Station, let a staff member know you want to drop off sharps. The staff person will assist you.

For everyone's safety, **sharps will not be accepted** unless they are in an approved sharps container.

