

## **SAFE HOUSEHOLD MEDICAL SHARPS DISPOSAL**

**What are household medical sharps?**

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

**Why are special disposal instructions necessary?**

**A:** State law prohibits disposing of needles and lancets in the trash. Properly disposing of sharps helps keep potentially harmful products out of the waste stream.

### **PROPER SHARPS DISPOSAL**

- Place sharps in an approved, rigid, puncture-resistant, shatter-proof container. Containers can be obtained at the Wayland Transfer Station or purchased at your local pharmacy. Keep containers out of reach of children.
- There is no time limit for keeping containers – 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.
- Dispose of the entire container at the Wayland Transfer Station.

**DO NOT bring loose needles or lancets to the Transfer Station for disposal**

**DO NOT put sharps containers, loose needles, or lancets in your recycling bin, garbage, or down the toilet.**

**Sharps disposal is available to Wayland residents ONLY, and does not require a permit.**

**Sharps from businesses WILL NOT be accepted at the Transfer Station.**

**For more information on the safe disposal of sharps, please visit:**

**<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/admin/dmo/a/ohsp/safe-sharps-disposal.html>**