

Be a community sharps....



FREE Community sharps disposal facilities

For free disposal of community sharps, take your sharps in a sealed puncture resistant container (not glass) to one of the pharmacies or yellow medical sharps bins at the following locations:

Local Pharmacies:

Candi's Chemist

Shop 21-23
Westfield Shopping Centre
NORTH ROCKS
Ph: (02) 9872 1979

Rouse Hill Soul Pattinson

Shop 8 Rouse Hill Village Centre
Windsor Road
ROUSE HILL
Ph: (02) 9629 4079

Tolar Pharmacy

Shop 13 Northmead Plaza
Campbell Street
NORTHMEAD
Ph: (02) 9630 7717

Oatlands Pharmacy

42 Belmore Street
OATLANDS
Ph: (02) 9630 2858

Knightsbridge Pharmacy

Shop 4 Knightsbridge Shopping Centre
Gilbert Road
CASTLE HILL
Ph: (02) 9680 3252

Coonara Chemist

Shop 4, 35 Coonara Avenue
WEST PENNANT HILLS
Ph: (02) 9894 4688

Castle Towers Amcal

Shop 302 Castle Towers Shopping Centre
CASTLE HILL
Ph: (02) 9634 4040

Public Sharps Disposal Bins:

George Suttor Reserve

Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills
(next to Baulkham Hills Bowling Club)

Hills Community Health Centre

183-187 Excelsior Avenue, Castle Hill
(bin located next to the garage)

For further information on disposal of community sharps contact:

Baulkham Hills Shire Council

Cnr Showground & Carrington Roads,
Castle Hill NSW 2154
Ph: 9843 0555
www.baulkhamhills.nsw.gov.au



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Safety Stickler

with all used syringes, needles and lancets

A guide to the safe disposal
of community sharps
in Baulkham Hills Shire



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What are community sharps?

Many people rely on using needles and syringes to maintain their own health or that of a family member. Injecting equipment is also used by injecting drug users, and for animal healthcare by pet and livestock owners.

Community sharps is the name used to describe needles, syringes, lancets and similar equipment resulting from these activities.

Disposal of community sharps

Community sharps should always be kept secure and separate from other wastes.

Because of the high risk of injury to workers and other community members they should never be disposed of:

- ✗ in household waste or recycling bins (plastic syringes are NOT recyclable)
- ✗ in public litter bins
- ✗ by flushing down toilets or drains
- ✗ by discarding into the environment.

If you inject at home you should:

- ✓ Use a sharps container* or other appropriate puncture resistant container (NOT glass)
- ✓ Store container out of reach of children
- ✓ Seal lid of container when 3/4 full and dispose of container at one of the community sharps disposal facilities listed in this brochure.

If you inject away from home you should:

- ✓ Place your injecting equipment in a community sharps bin in a public toilet or other place that has a community sharps disposal bin, or
- ✓ Place your injecting equipment in a sharps container* or other appropriate puncture resistant container and dispose of the container at one of the community sharps disposal facilities listed in this brochure.

* Use of sharps containers that conform to an Australian Standard is recommended. Contact your council for information on sharps containers and other appropriate containers.

Local businesses

Business operators in service industries such as hospitality, accommodation, entertainment and retailing may encounter community sharps on their premises. Business operators can facilitate safe disposal and safeguard the health of employees, customers and waste workers by:

- Installing community sharps disposal bins in public toilets and restrooms, and
- Arranging for a contractor licensed to transport sharps waste to remove all community sharps generated or collected on the premises.

If you find injecting equipment

While the risk of acquiring a serious infection as a result of an accidental injury from a community sharp is extremely low, the anxiety resulting from such an injury can be significant.

If you find a syringe in a public place help protect your community by calling the:

Needle Clean Up Hotline 1800 633 353

or contact Baulkham Hills Shire Council on 9843 0555.

