## **Take-Back Locations**

Take back full Sharps containers to your local pharmacy for **FREE** disposal and get another **FREE** sharps container! For a complete list of drop-off locations, go to <a href="https://www.iwma.com">www.iwma.com</a> or call (805) 782-8530

Look for this window sticker at your pharmacy....



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You Can Help Prevent Needle Stick Injuries!

# Sharps Disposal



How do I Safely Dispose of My Home Generated Needles and Syringes?

## **The Problem**

According to
California State Law
it is **illegal** to throw
away Sharps into
your garbage,
recycling, or green
waste cans!



## **What Are Sharps?**

Please do NOT collect sharps in any other container (no soda cans, bleach bottles, milk cartons, coffee cans, etc...) as they can break or puncture placing collectors at risk.

 Do pick up a FREE sharps container from your local pharmacy.



 DO use an approved Sharps container to put used sharps in (see photo above). When it is full, close it, and return it to any San Luis Obispo County pharmacy for FREE disposal.

## Don<sup>3</sup>t

- DON'T put Sharps containers in your recycling bin, trash, or green waste bin.
- DON'T put Sharps in soda cans or bottles, juice bottles, glass containers or milk cartons.
- DON'T flush sharps down the toilet. (Sharps that are flushed down the toilet may end up on our beaches and riverbanks).

