

Sharps Collection Sites

Auburndale Health Department

1805 Hobbs Road, Auburndale
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(863) 519-7910

Bartow Fire Department

110 E. Church Street, Bartow
Daily, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. *(please ring bell)*
(863) 534-5044

Bartow Environmental Health Office Florida Department of Health

2090 E. Clower Street, Bartow
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(863) 519-8330

Haines City Health Department

1700 Baker Avenue E., Haines City
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(863) 519-7910

Lake Wales Fire Department

253 West Central Avenue, Lake Wales
Monday - Sunday *(drop off all hours)*
(863) 678-4203

Lakeland Health Department

3241 Lakeland Hills Boulevard, Lakeland
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(863) 519-7910



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The Polk County Household
Used Sharps Collection
Program is sponsored by:

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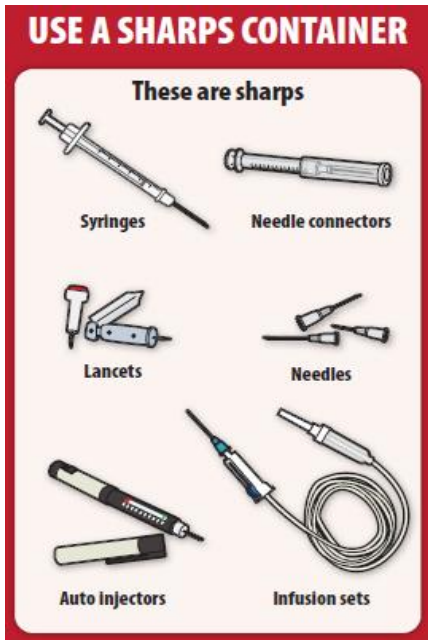
HOUSEHOLD USED SHARPS COLLECTION PROGRAM



BE SMART WITH SHARPS



1 What are sharps?



- ❖ Sharps are items having the potential to puncture or lacerate. These include syringes with attached needles and disposable lancets.
- ❖ If not disposed of properly, sharps can cause many problems:
 - ❖ They puncture solid waste containers, putting workers along collection routes and in the landfill at risk of injury or disease.
 - ❖ They threaten public safety.
 - ❖ They may be contaminated with hepatitis, HIV (the virus that causes AIDS), and other serious or fatal diseases.

2 What should I do with used sharps?

It's simple, participate in the Polk County Household Used Sharps Collection Program!

The Florida Department of Health in Polk County has a voluntary program for residents and visitors with medical conditions that require the use of syringes with attached needles or disposable lancets.

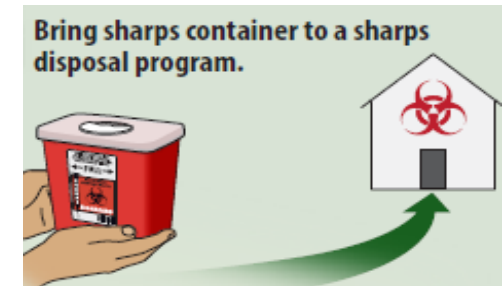
If you have a medical condition which requires the use of injected medication, please take advantage of this FREE program.

The program is only for private individuals who give themselves or a family member shots.

Healthcare professionals and businesses are regulated by other agencies and are not allowed to participate.



3 How does the program work?



1. Visit a collection site listed closest to you.
2. Request a sharps container from the receptionist.
3. Take the container home and place it out of reach of children.
4. Place used syringes or lancets into the sharps container immediately after use.
5. Do not overfill or force needles into the sharps container. The containers are only puncture-resistant, not puncture-proof.
6. When the container is 3/4 full, permanently close the top.
7. Leave the sharps container with an authorized employee at one of the collection sites listed on this brochure for proper disposal.
8. Obtain a new sharps container from the receptionist.