

Monmouth County Recycling Directory

HOME-GENERATED MEDICAL WASTE

Keeping syringes out of the waste stream is important to every New Jerseyan. According to the New Jersey Department of Health, an enormous number of syringes and lancets wind up in New Jersey's garbage, polluting the environment and creating a hazard.

Many area hospitals have instituted programs for handling syringes and needles (sharps) from those qualifying as home self-care generators. Home self-care is strictly defined as the provision of medical care in the home setting (private residence) through either self administration practices or administration by a family member or other person who does not receive monetary compensation for his or her services.

Participating hospitals are supplying sharps containers which, when filled, must be returned to the hospital, and a new container will be issued. Sharps are then disposed of with regulated medical waste generated on the hospital premises. This container and disposal service is free; however, a small deposit may be charged on the first container.

Some pharmacists have information on the **BLUE NEEDLE BOX** program. Check with yours for details.

*Many sharps have been turning up in recyclable plastic soda bottles.
This practice is dangerous to workers handling recyclables.*

PARTICIPATING HOSPITALS INCLUDE:

BAYSHORE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

727 Beers Street, Holmdel

Contact: Environmental Services 732-739-5929

RIVERVIEW MEDICAL CENTER

1 Riverview Plaza, Red Bank

Contact: Diabetes Management Center 732-530-2402

KIMBALL MEDICAL CENTER

600 River Avenue, Lakewood

Contact: Environmental Services 732-370-7522

JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

1945 State Route 33, Neptune

Contact: Environmental Services 732-776-4225

MONMOUTH MEDICAL

300 Second Avenue, Long Branch

Contact: Diabetes Treatment Center 732-222-5200

CENTRA STATE HOSPITAL

901 West Main Street, Freehold

Contact: Novo Nordisk Diabetes – 5th Floor 732-294-2574

*all sharps must be left with staff

THE SHARPS DISPOSAL BY MAIL SYSTEM is a container system, government approved return by mail system. For more information contact: Sharps at 1-800-772-5657 or www.sharpsinc.com