


# YOUR GUIDE TO **SHARPS** DISPOSAL



## STAY SAFE

To properly and legally dispose of sharps / needles, **DO THE FOLLOWING:**

-  **DO** obtain an approved container or create your own alternative approved container (e.g. bleach or detergent container) to place your sharps before transport & disposal.
-  **DO** place a secure lid on the sharps container.
-  **DO** check with your HHW Program to verify Home-Generated Sharps Collection sites.
-  **DO** ask your local HHW Program for clarification on sharps / needles management and disposal, if necessary.
-  **DO** place biohazardous waste labels on both sides of sharps container.

**ALWAYS**  
use an approved  
sharps container



## Use **CAUTION** with Sharps / Needles!

Sharps / needles can injure people, can spread disease (hepatitis and HIV/AIDS), damage recycling equipment, and the effects are long term. **YOU HAVE THE POWER** to prevent a situation like this simply by safely disposing of your used sharps. Do not place others at risk when safe alternatives are currently available.

To avoid needle sticks at home, **DON'T DO THE FOLLOWING:**

-  **DON'T** throw used sharps / needles, syringes, or lancets in the garbage/ trash, whether at home or away from home.
-  **DON'T** put sharps / needles in recycling containers.
-  **DON'T** flush sharps / needles down the toilet.
-  **DON'T** put sharps / needles into used plastic food containers, coffee cans, plastic bags, glass bottles or soda bottles.
-  **DON'T** handle someone else's sharps / needles.
-  **DON'T** overfill sharps containers ( $\frac{3}{4}$  full is max).
-  **DON'T** place non-sharps items in your sharps containers (pills, wound dressings, surgical instruments and other large metal parts, hard, heavy plastics, glass, fabric, thermometers, test strips, liquid medications).

## PROTECT

- ✓ Yourself and your family
- ✓ Your community
- ✓ Wildlife
- ✓ The environment

Call **1-800-OILY CAT**  
**(645.9228) or 909.382.5401**

for updated information on  
proper disposal of home-generated  
sharps / needles



FOR RESIDENTS WITHIN THE  
FOLLOWING **CITY** LIMITS, CONTACT:  
**City of Fontana:** 909.350.6789  
**City of Rancho Cucamonga:** 909.919.2635

FOR RESIDENTS WITHIN THE  
FOLLOWING **COUNTIES**, CONTACT:  
**Riverside County:** 800.304.2226  
**Los Angeles County:** 800.988.6942  
**Orange County:** 714.834.4000