

## ADDITIONAL TIPS

Sharps containers may be purchased from the collection sites unless they are listed as a drop off only site. Any approved sharps container will be accepted and there is no fee.

Go to any of the listed exchange sites to obtain your first sharps container. Each container costs \$5.00, (which is subject to change) and includes all disposal costs.

This program is being provided for the private sector only. Medical professionals and businesses are regulated under state and federal biomedical waste laws and may not participate.

This program is being provided as a public service to protect public health and provide a safe environment for the citizens of Volusia and Flagler Counties.

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Health Biomedical Waste Coordinator:

Volusia (386) 274-0702.  
Flagler: (386) 437-7350

This community sharps program has been endorsed by:

- The Volusia County Medical Society
- The Flagler County Medical Society
- American Diabetes Association Regional Office
- Florida Environmental Health Association
- Florida Public Health Association

## SHARPS COLLECTION SITES

Volusia and Flagler County

### Daytona Environmental Health

(hrs: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM -5:00 PM)  
1845 Holsonback Dr.  
Daytona Beach  
(386) 274-0694

### DeLand Environmental Health

(hrs: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM -5:00 PM)  
121 W. Rich Ave.  
DeLand  
(386) 822-6250

### New Smyrna Bch Environmental Health

(hrs: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM -5:00 PM)  
717 W. Canal St.  
New Smyrna Beach  
(386) 424-2061

### Flagler County Health Department

(hrs: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM -5:00 PM)  
301 S. Lemon St.  
Bunnell  
(386) 437-7350

### Deltona Health Center

(hrs: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM -4:00 PM)  
3151 Howland Blvd.  
Deltona  
(386) 789-7507

### \*Tomoka Landfill

**\*This site is only a drop off site**  
(hrs: Monday -Friday 7:00 AM -5:30 PM)  
(Saturday & Sunday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM)  
1990 Tomoka Farms Road  
Daytona Beach  
(386) 947-2952

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## COMMUNITY USED SHARPS DISPOSAL PROGRAM



**VOLUSIA & FLAGLER  
COUNTY HEALTH  
DEPARTMENTS**



# The Facts about Sharps - Frequently asked questions

## DID YOU KNOW

“Sharps” are defined as having the potential to puncture or lacerate. These include syringes with attached needles and disposable lancets.

Medical waste from private residences is unregulated and is an increasing problem.

Based on national statistics it is estimated that in Volusia and Flagler Counties, 1,500 insulin dependent residents and visitors give themselves daily injections, in addition there are numerous other “home users” whose medical condition requires the use of injected medications.

Using the above estimates, over **one million sharps** enter the solid waste stream in Volusia and Flagler Counties **every year**.

Sharps that are thrown away can cause many problems:

- They clog sewers and lift stations.
- They end up at recycling centers among the cans and plastics.
- They puncture solid waste containers placing workers at risk along collection routes and at the landfills.
- They threaten public safety.

Sharps can be contaminated with hepatitis, HIV/AIDS and other potentially fatal diseases.

Many home users know that disposing of sharps down toilets or placing them in cans or milk jugs in their garbage is not environmentally safe. Is there a better, safer way? YES! Read on!

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Participate in the Department of Health Volusia/Flagler community used sharps depository program. This program is sponsored by both of your local health departments - Volusia and Flagler County.

All residents and visitors are encouraged to participate and make our environment safer for everyone.

## TERMS TO KNOW

**Approved sharps container** - A single or multi-use container designed primarily for the safe containment of sharps and meeting all requirements of the state’s biomedical waste code (64E-16,F.A.C.)

**Collection site** - A facility which has agreed to participate in the community sharps disposal pro-

gram and has made all necessary arrangements to do so.

**Home user** - An individual who generates sharps as a result of self injection of medication or injection by family members.

## HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Go to one of the designated collection sites listed. Initial sharps containers must be obtained from one of these listed sites.

Obtain an approved sharps container from the site. There will be a charge of \$5.00 for an 8 qt. container, which should last you 3-6 months depending on your injection frequency, or \$3.00 for a 1.5 quart container.

## TIPS TO REMEMBER

1. After completion of the routine blood test or injection, do not clip or recap the needle.
2. When you are completely through with the lancet and/ or syringe, place them in your (approved) sharps container.
3. Once sharps have been disposed of into the container, do not attempt to retrieve them.

**STORE THE CONTAINER OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

4. When the container is filled, close the lid securely. Whenever possible, use strips of tape across the top.

**5. DO NOT OVERFILL THE SHARPS CONTAINER.**

**6. WHEN THE CONTAINER IS FULL, SIMPLY RETURN THE SEALED CONTAINER TO ANY COLLECTION SITE, AND OBTAIN A NEW CONTAINER.**

When making the exchange, always give the filled container to authorized personnel.

7. **Never** leave a container unattended outside your home.

8. **Never** leave a container outside the exchange site before or after hours.

9. **Never** throw the container in the garbage or in the woods. Bring it to one of the exchange sites.

10. If you are no longer giving yourself injections, bring the container to any exchange site, even if it isn’t completely filled.