



Safety Bulletin

To all of our valued customers and employees:

Cal-Waste is committed to the safety of our customers, employees and vendors. In the course of collecting, processing or disposing of recycling and waste material, human contact is inevitable. The threat of needle punctures and exposure to biohazards is a major concern. We are asking for your help to comply with Best Management Practices in order to safeguard all parties involved in the handling of your recycling and waste.

As of September 1, 2008, it is illegal to dispose of sharps (needles) waste in recycling and waste containers (Section 118286 of the California Health and Safety Code). Sharps are defined as; hypodermic needles, pen needles, lancets, and other devices that are used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications derived from a household.

No Fee Options

To accommodate Sacramento County residents, the County provides for the proper disposal of sharps at **no charge**. The Kiefer Landfill, located at 12701 Kiefer Boulevard and the North Area Recovery Station, located at 4450 Roseville Road are both designated Household Hazardous Waste collection sites that accept sharps. The needles must be delivered to either County facility in sealed hard plastic or metal containers. For more information, visit www.wmr.saccounty.net/Pages/HazardousWasteDropoffCenters.aspx or contact Sacramento County at 916-875-5555.

Fee Based Options

Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station provides for the proper disposal of sharps at a charge, \$4.85 per pound. This site is a designated Household Hazardous Waste collection site located at 8491 Fruitridge Road.

Mail Back Service

Mail back services are also available. Private companies offer mail-back services at a cost. A list of sharps waste mail-back services authorized for use in California is available at the Medical Waste Management Program of the California Department of Public Health website; www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste/Pages/MailBack.aspx.

Home Needle Destruction

Additionally, home needle destruction devices are available. Several manufacturers sell products that allow you to destroy needles at home by either melting or breaking them.

There are two products that are FDA approved for in home-use for needle destruction. The "Disintegrator Plus" is a needle destruction device that melts the needles to be discarded as common household trash. The "Q-103" is another needle destruction device that breaks off the needle portion from the syringe. Visit www.qcareintl.com.

Thank you for helping Cal-Waste make Rancho Murieta a safe and healthy community.

