

**Protect yourself, your community, your environment, and family and friends. The proper disposal of needles and syringes is important!**

### WHY?

- Used sharps can cause injury & spread blood-borne diseases
- Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV can all be transmitted by needlesticks

### PROPER DISPOSAL

- If you do not have access to a sharps container, place sharps in a puncture resistant container such as a rigid plastic bottle or coffee can. Lid must be secured, screwed or taped shut for disposal
- Please use size appropriate for quantity being disposed but not more than 3 quarts for each container
- Deposit full sharps container(s), with secured lid at sharps collection kiosk **NO LOOSE NEEDLES!**



# SHARPS DROP-OFF SITES

Public Safety Building - Lobby  
32 North Main Street  
Andover, MA 01810  
24 hour daily

Medication drop off , a separate kiosk, also available at  
Public Safety Building

**\*KIOSKS ARE NOT EQUIPPED TO HANDLE LOOSE NEEDLES. PLACE ALL SHARPS IN STURDY, PUNCTURE PROOF CONTAINERS APPROPRIATE TO THE AMOUNT OF SHARPS BEING DISPOSED OF BEFORE DEPOSITING IN KIOSK. NO MORE THAN 3 QUARTS.**

**\*\*FDA-CLEARED SHARPS CONTAINERS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE CENTER AT PUNCHARD, HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER. DO NOT LEAVE CONTAINERS ON OR AROUND KIOSKS!!!**



***Any questions, please contact  
Andover Health Division at  
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**BE INFORMED.**

*Resources are just a phone call away.  
All calls, information and referrals to  
treatment and self-help groups are confidential.*

**Massachusetts Department of Environmental  
Protection (DEP)**

617-292-5500, TTY 617-574-6868  
[www.mass.gov/dep](http://www.mass.gov/dep)

**Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
(DPH)**

617-624-6000, TTY: 617-624-6001  
[www.mass.gov/dph](http://www.mass.gov/dph)

**DPH Bureau of Environmental Health**

617-624-5757, TTY: 617-624-5286  
[www.mass.gov/dph/environmental\\_health](http://www.mass.gov/dph/environmental_health)

**DPH Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

617-624-5111, TTY: 617-536-5387  
[www.mass.gov/dph/bsas](http://www.mass.gov/dph/bsas)

**DPH Diabetes Prevention and Control Program**

617-624-5485, TTY: 617-624-5992  
[www.mass.gov/dph/diabetes](http://www.mass.gov/dph/diabetes)

**DPH Office of HIV/AIDS**

617-624-5300, TTY: 617-624-5387  
[www.mass.gov/dph/diabetes](http://www.mass.gov/dph/diabetes)

**Aids Action Committee**

617-437-6200  
[www.aac.org](http://www.aac.org)

## HELPFUL HINTS

**Be Safe:** Reduce your risk of blood-borne diseases like hepatitis and HIV/AIDS

**DO:** Find out your HIV/viral hepatitis status. Get tested. If you are not infected you can stay that way. If you are, find out how to take care of yourself and avoid passing HIV/viral hepatitis to others

**DO:** Bring a sharps container when traveling

**DO:** Put used syringes in sharps container immediately

**DO:** Use a new needle every time you inject

**DO:** Clean your sharps with bleach IF you must reuse them

**DO:** Clean the injection site with soapy water, alcohol swabs or rubbing alcohol

**DO NOT:** Inject in the same spot over and over again

**DO NOT:** Throw needles, syringes and sharps containers in the garbage or in recycling bins. See inside brochure for drop-off locations in Andover

**DO NOT:** Clip, bend or recap needles

**NEVER:** Flush sharps down the toilet or drop into storm drains

# SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL

**needles, syringes,  
lancets, ...**

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**As of July 1, 2012  
it is illegal to dispose of  
sharps in household  
trash.**