2020 Safe Sharps & Medication Disposal

Sharps Disposal

Place Sharps in Sharps Container
If you don't have a sharps container, you can make one. Homemade sharps containers must be made of rigid plastic with a secure lid such as a laundry soap or bleach bottle. Container must be one gallon or less.

Bring Sharps to a Collection Site
Household sharps containers can be brought to any of the facilities listed on the HHW Collection page of this flyer or one of the following sharps kiosk locations. Sharps generated by businesses including professional home health care services, are prohibited by law at these locations. For more information and locations visit rcwaste.org/Waste-Guide/sharps

Acceptable Materials

Do not use for sharps!
These containers can break or puncture easily

- Milk Container
- Water Bottle
- Metal Can
- Glass Container

Print FREE labels using this link: rcwaste.org/Waste-Guide/sharps
Preprinted labels are available at HHW Collection Facilities or by calling (951) 486-3200.

Option 1
Bring your medication to any of the facilities listed on the HHW Collection page.

Option 2
Unwanted and expired medication can also be safely disposed of with routine garbage following a few simple steps:

Empty liquid medication onto paper towels, newspaper, or rags, and dispose with regular trash
Mix pills with undesirable substances such as kitty litter, coffee grounds, or other masking material, and place in the regular trash
Empty container by expelling all propellant. Dispose of small empty aerosol container in your regular trash

Acceptable Medication
Nutritional supplements
Prescription medications
Over-the-counter medications
Pet medications

Unacceptable Medication
Contaminated substances
Chemotherapy medication
Business or health care generated pharmaceutical waste

Additional Sharps Disposal Services
Mail-back programs (check with your city or purchase at a pharmacy)
Additional sharps and medication services may be provided by your city (contact your city for details)

2019 Riverside County
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection

Acceptable Materials

These items are examples of materials accepted for FREE at any Permanent or Temporary HHW Collection Facilities:

- Paint Products
  - Paste, varnish, adhesive, paint thinner, resin, epoxy, caulk & wood preservatives
- Automotive Products
  - Used oil, oil filters, antifreeze, gasoline, diesel, automotive chemicals, brake fluid & transmission fluid (flammable liquid containers cannot be returned)
- Universal Wastes
  - Batteries, fluorescent tubes & bulbs, light ballasts, smoke detectors & mercury thermometers
- Electronic Waste
  - Televisions, monitors, computers & electronic devices

Unacceptable Materials

These services are for residential use only. Photo documentation may be required for excessive or suspected non-residential loads. The following waste CANNOT be accepted as ANY Riverside County HHW Collection Facilities:

- Ammunition and explosives
- Appliances, tires, or trash
- Aerosol
- Containers larger than five gallons or weighing more than 50 pounds
- Remediation or radioactive waste (except smoke detectors)
- Compressed gas cylinders greater than 40 pounds
- Controlled substances and infectious waste (except sharps)
- Out-Of-Country or business generated waste (real estate & non-profit)

Business waste disposal information:
Very Small Quantity Generator Program
rcwaste.org/business/wVSGC
Riverside County Department of Environmental Health
(888) 722-4324 or rcwaste.org/Health/hazwaste

Safe Transportation

- Label containers to identify contents or keep in original container
- Do not mix different products into one container
- Secure leaky containers and loose loads
- Transport in a box away from passengers (in the trunk or bed of your vehicle)
- Keep away from other items such as trash and recyclable materials

Do the Right Thing
Reduce Hazardous Waste

- Buy Smart
  - Purchase only the amount you need. Choose safer, less toxic alternative products.
- Store Properly
  - Keep toxic products out of reach of children and pets.
- Use It Up
  - Finish all unused products or share with friends and neighbors.
- Protect Our Communities
  - NEVER throw HHW into your garbage, toilets or sinks; never dump on the ground or pour down the storm drain. It is illegal and can contaminate the groundwater, waterways, lakes, oceans, and drinking water.
- Dispose Properly
  - Dispose of HHW properly at a FREE Riverside County HHW Collection Facility near you.

Riverside County Residents Only
Facilities are CLOSED during inclement weather or other hazardous conditions
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Got Drugs?

In your unused or expired controlled substance for safe disposal to the Drug Enforcement Agency
Visit takebackday.dea.gov for a collection site near you

Call us at: (800) 304-2226 or (951) 486-3200
crwaste.org
This document is available in alternative formats upon request.
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