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## County Waste Management Department receives grant for sharps/needle containers and kiosks to collect sharps from public

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has awarded a grant that provides containers for the collection of used sharps/needles to the Riverside County Waste Management Department to promote the proper disposal of home generated sharps/needles. Home-generated sharps waste includes hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other devices that are used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications derived from a household, including a multifamily residence or household.

Sharps/needle containers are available for free to county residents for the proper disposal of home generated sharps/needles, while supplies last. Residents can obtain the sharps/needle containers at one of the countywide Household Hazardous Waste collection locations, at the Riverside County Waste Management Department office, 14310 Frederick Street in Moreno Valley, Monday through Thursday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, and the Lamb Canyon Landfill, 16411 Lamb Canyon Road south of Beaumont, during operating hours Monday to Saturday from 6:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The Department also received two kiosks for the collection of filled containers so residents have additional options to drop off filled containers of used sharps/needles for free. One kiosk is available at the Department's warehouse, 14290 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley and is available 24 hours a day. A second kiosk is located at the Lamb Canyon Landfill, 16411 Lamb Canyon Road south of Beaumont, during operating hours Monday to Saturday from 6:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Residents can also bring their filled containers for free disposal to any of the Household Hazardous Waste collection locations operated by the Department. For a list of collection locations and dates, please visit <http://www.rivcowm.org/opencms/hhw/schedule.html>.

Please protect waste and recycling workers, fellow residents, and the environment from the unlawful disposal of sharps/needles. Take the necessary steps to dispose of unwanted sharps/needle waste properly. For more sharps/needle information, including instructions for making your own sharps container, please contact the Riverside County Waste Management Department, (951) 486-3200 or (800) 304-2226, or visit <http://www.rivcowm.org/opencms/hhw/sharps.html>.