

Safe Sharps Disposal Program



Call 1-800-603-4068
or visit www.spsa.com
for more information.

Facts About Sharps Usage and Disposal

- One out of every 20 people has diabetes and can use an average of two sharps daily.
- Sharps include:
 - Needles
 - Syringes with attached needles
 - Disposable Lancets
- In Hampton Roads, there are 66,000 people requiring insulin shots. This means that **132,000 sharps may be disposed of daily** in Hampton Roads.
- Improper disposal of sharps” is on the rise and presents a potential health hazard to our community.

The Safe Sharps Disposal Program

The *Safe Sharps Disposal Program* has been designed to increase and enhance the education and knowledge of safe sharps disposal to diabetics and others in the community.

Also, through *Safe Sharps Disposal Program* home sharps containers are distributed. These containers can hold as many as 100 sharps or 1000 lancets and are made of non-recyclable, puncture-proof plastic. They have tight-sealing lids to minimize danger.

To date, Approximately 10,000 Sharps containers have been distributed.

What Can You Do?

- Pick-up a FREE home sharps container (*while supplies last*). the greater Hampton Roads area , you can either:
 - Call 1-800-603-4068
 - Visit any Good Neighbor or Eckerd Pharmacy
 - Visit any area health department
- Read this brochure and pass it on to a friend.
- Place your full safe sharps disposal container in the trash can with regular garbage once it is full

How soon will it be before someone you know is injured? Pick up your FREE home sharps container soon.

Partners in the Safe Sharps Disposal Program

- Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA)
- American Diabetes Association (ADA)
- Eastern Virginia Association of Diabetes Educators (EVADE)
- Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia (SEVAMP)
- Eckerd, Inc.
- Good Neighbor Pharmacy Program
- Cox Communications Cable Network
- Virginia Peninsula Public Service Authority
- City of Norfolk, Public Works Division
- Virginia Beach Health Department
- Bon Secours OCCU MED

Thank you for making our community and the environment safer through the Safe Sharps Disposal Program.

I Have More Questions about the Safe Sharps Disposal Program

Call the Safe Sharps Disposal Program hotline at 1-800-603-4068 or visit www.spsa.com. You also may return this mailer and someone will contact you.

Name

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