



Sharps Disposal Program

**Safe and secure disposal of
medical sharps**

THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL SHARPS:

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that more than 800,000 accidental needle sticks occur annually among healthcare employees and family/caregivers. The Jackson County Health Department is committed to helping keep people safe from accidental needle sticks through our sharp's disposal service. We provide sharps disposal services and sharps disposal containers at no cost to meet the needs of Jackson County residents who rely on needles to administer life-saving medicines.

PROGRAM HISTORY:

The Jackson County Health Department established the "Sharps Disposal Program" in cooperation with the Jackson County Recycling District in 2009 for the proper disposal of household medical sharps.

The goal of the program is to keep these sharps out of the daily trash and landfill for the overall safety of all Jackson County citizens.

PROGRAM POLICIES:

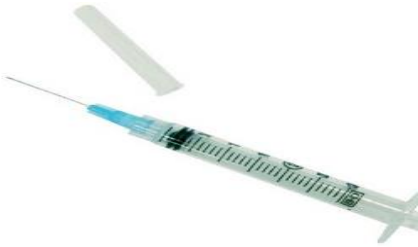
1. Sharps containers will be provided to Jackson County residents at no charge.
2. New clients are required to show proof of residency in Jackson County
3. Sharps containers are for disposal of used medical sharps (needles) only. No other waste is to be placed in the container.
4. Full containers should be returned and exchanged for a new container at the Health Department during regular business hours – Monday – Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 p.

**Funding for this valuable service is provided through
funding from the Jackson County Recycling District**



This syringe can be made safe by clipping the needle by using a needle clipper.

Then remove the plunger and dispose of the two pieces in your daily trash



This syringe can be made safe by removing the needle & placing it in a sharps container.

Then remove the plunger and dispose of the two pieces in your daily trash

The pen type syringe to the right can be made safe by removing the needle & placing it in a sharp's container.

Then dispose of the pen in your daily trash



trulicity.
(dulaglutide)
injection
1.5 mg/0.5 mL
once weekly

Lee

Ikris Pharma

The pen type syringe to the left can be made safe by placing the cap back on the pen.

Then dispose of the pen in your daily trash

The goal of this program is to make your medical sharp safe for disposal and by removing or disabling the needle, the medical sharp/syringe is now unusable and safe for disposal in your daily trash. If you have any question call the Jackson County Health Department @ 812-522-6474

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CARTRIDGES MUST NOT BE SHARED**