



SHARPS DISPOSAL

SAFE NEEDLE & SYRINGE DISPOSAL

Many Boston residents use syringes to manage a variety of health care conditions at home such as diabetes, allergies, multiple sclerosis, and others. The safe disposal of needles, syringes, and lancets (sharps) is necessary to protect residents, sanitation/municipal workers, and the environment.

What should I do with my used syringes?

Used syringes and other sharps should always be placed in a sharps container and disposed of safely – either at a drop-off site or in a mail-back program. IV drug users can also enroll in a Needle Exchange Program for needle exchange and other harm reduction services. Do not clip, bend, or recap needles and always keep sharps and containers away from children and pets.

Can I put my used syringes in the trash?

No. Throwing syringes in the trash, recycling bin or disposing them anywhere that is not a safe needle disposal container is against the law and could lead to a fine. Sharps that have been improperly disposed of pose a health and safety risk to the public and to sanitation workers. Sharps and syringes must be disposed of at a needle and syringe disposal drop-off site or through a medical mail-back service.

What should I do if I find a needle on a public way?

If you find a needle on a sidewalk or other public way, please call **3-1-1**. Provide the location of the needle(s) with as much detail as possible and the Mobile Sharps Team will locate and collect the waste.

DROP-OFF SITES IN BOSTON

AIDS Action Committee

75 Amory Street
Boston, MA 02130
617-450-1379

Boston Health Care for the Homeless

780 Albany Street
Boston, MA 02118
857-654-1641

Boston Public Health Commission

35 Northampton Street
Boston, MA 02118
617-534-5395

MA Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

1 Stoughton Street
Dorchester, MA 02125
617-825-5897

Neponset Health Center

398 Neponset Avenue
Dorchester, MA 02122
617-534-5395

Span, Inc.

105 Chauncy Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02111
617-423-0750 x 109

Walgreens Community Pharmacy

21-23 Stanhope Street
Boston, MA 02116
617-375-7969

Women of Color AIDS Council

409 Blue Hill Avenue
Dorchester, MA 02121-4309
617-541-1050

