



Home-Generated Sharps Waste Disposal

Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources



On September 1, 2008 the State of California passed **SENATE BILL 1305** concerning the disposal of household sharps waste. It **PROHIBITS** a person from knowingly placing home generated sharps, needles, syringes, and lancets in the trash, recycling, or green waste containers. Sharps must be disposed of using an approved sharps container (see below for description).

Common Methods of Disposal

1. Mail-back Service:

You can buy this service, which comes with a needle container and mail-back packaging. You fill the container with your used needles and mail it back in the package that is provided by the company. The price of this service usually depends on the size and quantities of the container(s) you choose. Below is a list of some companies that offer mail-back service:

STERICYCLE.COM: 1-800-355-8773

SHARPSDISPOSAL.COM: 1-800-207-0976

BDDIABETES.COM: 1-888-BDCARES

2. The Stanislaus County Household Waste Facility

Bring home-generated sharps in a rigid container to the **Household Hazardous Waste Facility**: 1710 Morgan Road Modesto, CA 95358. The facility is open from 8 am to 12 pm every Friday and Saturday (except major holiday weekends).

For more information call (209) 525-6700

Acceptable sharps containers are rigid, sealable, and puncture-resistant. Examples include:



Containers designed for sharps

Coffee cans with lids

Liquid detergent bottles with lids

Plastic milk, juice, or soda containers with lids

Please do not use glass, cardboard, or paper

