**Think Twice About Sharps Disposal**

*A Guide to Safe Disposal of Household Syringes and Lancets*

*A Free Program for Consumers*

**Millions of people use syringes and lancets to manage their health-care at home. These syringes and lancets are called household sharps.**

**Who uses sharps on Cape Cod?** Children, teenagers, adults and seniors all participate in home-health care management of their illnesses. Those who use sharps MUST properly store and discard them after use.

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**What you should do between drop-offs**

Put used syringes and lancets in a sharps container, or a puncture-resistant rigid plastic container. Label the bottle: *Contains Sharps.*

- Keep sharps away from children and pets!
- Put used sharps immediately in your container.
- Keep container closed between uses.
- Bring a container with you when you travel.
- Store Container in a safe place.

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**Sharps are not recyclable! Do not throw sharps in the trash!**

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**What you should not do between drop-offs**

- Do not flush sharps down the toilet.
- Do not drop sharps into storm drains.
- Do not clip, bend or recap sharps.

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Do not put sharps into containers that can be punctured or broken, such as:

- Soda Cans
- Coffee Cans
- Glass Jars
- Milk Cartons
- Juice cartons
- Plastic soda Bottles
- Plastic juice bottles

**The National Goal...shall be that no syringes are discarded in the trash, or in public locations, such as parks, buildings or in the streets...**

On Cape Cod we share this goal to:

- Protect children and pets.
- Protect solid waste disposal workers.
- Prevent re-use or sharing of sharps that can transmit infectious diseases.
- Protect our environment.

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**Harwich Collection Location**

Harwich Transfer Station
209 Queen Anne Road
8-4 every day     508-430-7558

Bring your full sharps containers. You will receive a new sharps container in return.

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