

COLLECTION SITES

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The DeSoto County Household
used sharps collection program
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Do you have
sharps at home?

DESOTO COUNTY HOUSEHOLD SHARPS COLLECTION PROGRAM



WHAT ARE SHARPS?

Sharps are items that have the potential to puncture or lacerate. These would include disposable hypodermic needles, and syringes, lancets, and any other medical devices used for self-injection or blood tests, which may have a sharp tip or end.

If not disposed of properly, sharps can cause many problems:

- ◆ Clog sewer systems
- ◆ Hinder recycling efforts
- ◆ Threaten public safety through risk of injury and illness such as AIDS, Hepatitis, etc.



BIOMEDICAL WASTE

SHARPS COLLECTION

PROGRAM

The Florida Department of Health in DeSoto County has a Sharps Collection Program available for residents and visitors with medical conditions that require the use of syringes with attached needles and/or disposable lancets. The program is strictly for private individuals and is not available for health care professional businesses. Health care businesses that generate sharps or any other type of biomedical waste are regulated by the State of Florida and are not allowed to participate in this program.

If you have any questions please contact our office at (863) 993-4601 ext. 120.



HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK ?

- ◆ Visit a collection site nearest you
- ◆ Request a sharps container from the receptionist
- ◆ Take the container home and place it out of reach of children.
- ◆ Place used sharps into the sharps container immediately after use.
- ◆ When the container is 3/4 full, permanently close the top. DO NOT OVERFILL.
- ◆ Return the container for disposal to the nearest collection site.
- ◆ Ask the receptionist for a new sharps box.

OPEN

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00 AM– 5:00 PM