

# SAFE DISPOSAL OF SYRINGES/SHARPS

**Now Available at the Dighton Health Department  
Protect Yourself, Protect Others, Safe Options for Home Needle Disposal**

Sharps Disposal Containers are available in the Board of Health Office for Sale:

Sizes available: **1 Quart \$4.00 - 1 Gallon \$8.00 - 2 Gallon \$12.00**

**Drop Off Site/ Collection Center:**

Dighton Board of Health  
Town Hall Annex Lower Level  
1111 Somerset Avenue  
Dighton, MA. 02715  
(774) 872-0943  
Monday–Thursday 7:30 am- 4:30 pm



**Not Actual Container Being Sold**

**DISPOSING OF YOUR SYRINGES:**

- It is now illegal to disposal of syringes in the trash, or recycling bin, or composting bins.
- All needles should be treated as if they carry a disease. That means that if someone gets stuck with a needle, they could get infected with a disease that may be on the needle. Therefore, they would have to get extensive medical tests and worry about whether they have caught a harmful or deadly disease. You have the power to prevent a situation like this simply by safely disposing of your used sharps. Do not place others at risk when safe alternatives are currently available.

**WHY ARE NEEDLES DANGEROUS?**

They can injure people, can spread germs (Hepatitis and HIV/AIDS), damage recycling equipment, and require people to be tested for years for HIV and Hepatitis if they are stuck.

**To avoid needle sticks at home and protect garbage and recycling workers don't do the following:**

- **Don't** throw used needles, syringes, or lancets in the garbage.
- **Don't** put needles in recycling container
- **Don't** put needles down the toilet
- **Don't** put needles into used plastic milk jugs, bleach bottles, soda bottles.

**To Properly and legally dispose of needles, do the following:**

- **Do** use an approved disposal container- available for sale at the Town Hall Annex-Board of Health
- **Do** find a collection center for proper disposal-available at the Town Hall Annex-Board of Health