

SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL

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

What should I do with my used sharps?

Used syringes and other sharps should always be placed in a sharps or puncture proof container, such as a rigid liquid detergent bottle or bleach bottle, and disposed of safely – either at one of the drop-off site listed below or to a mail-back program. Please do not clip, bend, or recap syringes. Always keep sharps and containers away from children and pets.

Can I put my used sharps in the trash?

No. Throwing syringes in the trash or 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 sharps disposal drop-off site or through a medical mail-back service.



What should I do if I find a discarded sharp on a public way?

If you find a sharp on a sidewalk or other public way, please call the Lowell Health Department's Syringe Collection Program at (978) 674-1049 during program hours or report a "Hypodermic Needle" on www.lowellma.gov just like you would report a pothole. To report a discarded sharp outside of the Syringe Collection Program hours, call the Lowell Police Department at (978) 937-3200. Provide the location of the needle(s) with as much detail as possible so that the responding agency can locate the waste.

Syringe Collection Program Hours

Monday: 9-5pm Tuesday: 9-8pm Wednesday: 9-5pm Thursday 9-5pm Friday 8-12pm

Where can I exchange my needles?

For needle exchange, referrals for substance abuse treatment, and access to other harm reduction services, please contact Life Connection Center at (978) 997-0588.

DROP-OFF SITES IN LOWELL

Lowell Health Department	Lowell Senior Center	Lowell Regional Wastewater Utility	Lowell House Addiction Treatment & Recovery	Life Connection Center
341 Pine St. Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 674-4304	276 Broadway St. Lowell, MA 01854 (978) 674-1171	451 First St. Blvd (Rt. 110 at Dracut Line) Lowell, MA 01850 (978) 674-4248	101 Jackson St. Lowell, MA 01852 (978) 459-8656	192 Appleton St. Lowell, MA 01852 (978) 997-0588
<i>Mon, Wed, Thurs:</i> 8:00 am – 5:00 pm <i>Tues:</i> 8:00 am - 8:00 pm <i>Fri:</i> 8:00am - 12:00 pm	<i>Mon - Fri:</i> 6:30 am - 4:00 pm	<i>Last Saturday of each month</i> 8:00 am to 12:00 pm	<i>Mon - Thurs:</i> 9:00 am - 8:00 pm <i>Fri:</i> 9:00 am - 4:00 pm <i>See front Desk for assistance</i>	<i>Mon - Thurs:</i> 11:00 am - 4:00 pm <i>Call TJ for assistance at (978)935-1801</i>

