

Effective July 1, 2012, a statewide ban prohibits the disposal of sharps in household trash

Why the ban?

In 2005, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) recommended that people no longer throw home-generated sharps into household trash and encouraged safer alternative disposal methods.

A decision was made in Massachusetts to follow the recommendations of the EPA and impose the ban. This step was taken to reduce injuries and incidence of disease.

According to MDPH, worker injuries from sharps in the household trash have been an ongoing concern for the solid waste industry.

Regulation

105CMR 480.000:
Minimum Requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste State Sanitary Code Chapter VIII

Never Flush Sharps!

For more information about safe disposal of sharps and our Unwanted Medication and Syringe Disposal Days please contact:

Lowell Health Department's
Substance Abuse & Prevention Division
978-674-4304

or visit www.lowellma.gov

To report Discarded Syringes please contact:

The Syringe Collection Program
(978) 674-1049

or visit www.lowellma.gov

For news or alerts about Household Hazardous Waste Day events please do the following:

Download the Smart Phone APP called
LowellRecycle



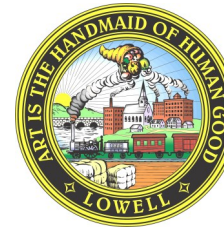
**Lowell Health
Department**

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Credits: We thank Department of Public Works, Lowell Senior Center, Lowell Regional Wastewater Utility, Lowell House AT&R, and Life Connection Center for their contributions.

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Safe Disposal of Needles, Syringes, and Lancets



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Sharps Take-Back Events

Unwanted Medication & Sharps Disposal Days

Lowell Health Department

341 Pine Street, Lowell, MA 01851

Disposal Days are part of the Health Department's efforts to reduce the high number of unwanted prescription medications and sharps in residents' homes. Disposal Days are held quarterly. Please call the Substance Abuse & Prevention Division at (978) 674-4304 or visit www.lowellma.gov for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste Days (HHWD)

Department of Public Works

1365 Middlesex Street, Lowell MA, 01851

Each HHWD will be held one Saturday per month from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Please call the Solid Waste & Recycling Office at (978) 674-4309 for dates of these events or visit www.lowellrecycle.org for more information.



Syringe Drop-Off Sites in Lowell

Lowell Health Department

Kiosk Disposal Available

341 Pine Street, Lowell, MA 01851

Phone: (978) 674-4304

Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lowell Senior Center

276 Broadway Street, Lowell, MA 01854

Phone: (978) 674-1171

Monday-Friday 6:30 am - 4:00 pm

Lowell Regional Wastewater Utility

451 First St. Blvd. (Route 110), Lowell, MA 01850

Phone: (978) 674-4248

Last Saturday of each month

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

For Lowell residents only

Lowell House Addiction Treatment & Recovery

Kiosk Disposal Available

101 Jackson Street, Lowell, MA 01852

Phone: (978) 459-8656

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 8:30 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Life Connection Center

Kiosk Disposal Available

192 Appleton Street, Lowell, MA 01852

Call TJ for Assistance at (978) 935-1801

Monday-Thursday 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

All sharps must be in a sharps container or a puncture proof container such as a rigid liquid detergent bottle or bleach bottle. These sites will not accept commercially generated sharps.

The Syringe Collection Program

The City of Lowell's Syringe Collection Program is now available to pick up discarded syringes in Lowell.

To report a discarded needle(s), please call (978) 674-1049 during program hours and the Non-Emergency Police Line at (978) 937-3200 after hours.

Syringe Collection Program Hours:

Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm



If you are calling to report a discarded needle that needs to be picked up, please leave a message that includes the address and specific location of the needle, how many needles have been found, and any additional details that would help locate the needle. Although this is a confidential service, please consider leaving your name and phone number in case more information is needed to locate the discarded needle.