

Be a community sharps....

FREE Community sharps disposal facilities

For free disposal of community sharps, take your sharps in a sealed, puncture resistant container (not glass) to one of the pharmacies or medical sharps bins at the following locations:

Local Pharmacies:

Blooms THE CHEMIST

(formerly Junction Street Pharmacy)

130 Junction St, NOWRA

Ph: (02) 4421 3175

Bomaderry Pharmacy

37 Meroo St, BOMADERRY

(opposite Railway Station)

Ph: (02) 4421 2736

Shoalhaven Amcal Pharmacy

Shop 12, Stocklands, East St, NOWRA

Ph: (02) 4421 3166

Basin View Pharmacy

2/1 Tallyan Point Rd, BASIN VIEW

Ph: (02) 4443 5038

Culburra Pharmacy

187 Prince Edward Ave, CULBURRA BEACH

Ph: (02) 4447 2382

Sussex Inlet Pharmacy

192 Jacobs Drive, SUSSEX INLET

Ph: (02) 4441 2444

St Georges Basin Pharmacy

134 Island Point Rd, ST GEORGES BASIN

Ph: (02) 4443 5433

Beachside Pharmacy

93 Princes Highway, ULLADULLA

Ph: (02) 4455 1720

Public Sharps Disposal Bins:

Shoalhaven Hospital

Scenic Drive, NOWRA

Ph: (02) 4421 3111

(bin located outside Emergency Department)

Milton Ulladulla Hospital

Princes Highway, MILTON

Ph: (02) 4455 1333

(bin located outside Emergency Department)

Nowra Community Health Centre

Lawrence Avenue, NOWRA

Ph: (02) 4422 8111

St Georges Basin Community Health Centre

21 Meriton Street, ST GEORGES BASIN

Ph: (02) 4443 7646

Sussex Inlet Community Health Centre

161 Jacobs Drive, SUSSEX INLET

Ph: (02) 4441 2373

Ulladulla Community Health Centre

Cnr South St & Princes Hwy, ULLADULLA

Ph: (02) 4455 5366

Bomaderry

McIntyre Way, BOMADERRY

(bin located outside entrance to Council Works Depot)

For further information on disposal of community sharps contact:

Waste Management Unit

Shoalhaven City Council

PO Box 42

Bridge Rd, Nowra 2541

or call us direct on the

Waste Hotline Ph (02) 4429 3374



Be a community sharps Safety Stickler

with all used syringes, needles and lancets

A guide to the safe disposal of community sharps in the Shoalhaven



...Safety Stickler

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What are community sharps?

Many people rely on using needles and syringes to maintain their own health or that of a family member. Injecting equipment is also used by injecting drug users, and for animal healthcare by pet and livestock owners.

Community sharps is the name used to describe needles, syringes, lancets and similar equipment resulting from these activities.

Disposal of community sharps

Community sharps should always be kept secure and separate from other wastes.

Because of the high risk of injury to workers and other community members they should never be disposed of:

- ✗ in household waste or recycling bins (plastic syringes are NOT recyclable)
- ✗ in public litter bins
- ✗ by flushing down toilets or drains
- ✗ by discarding into the environment.

If you inject at home you should:

- ✓ Use a sharps container* or other appropriate puncture resistant container (NOT glass)
- ✓ Store container out of reach of children
- ✓ Seal lid of container when 3/4 full and dispose of container at one of the community sharps disposal facilities listed in this brochure.

If you inject away from home you should:

- ✓ Place your injecting equipment in a community sharps bin in a public toilet or other place that has a community sharps disposal bin, or
- ✓ Place your injecting equipment in a sharps container* or other appropriate puncture resistant container and dispose of the container at one of the community sharps disposal facilities listed in this brochure.

* *Use of sharps containers that conform to an Australian Standard is recommended. Contact your council for information on sharps containers and other appropriate containers.*

Local businesses

Business operators in service industries such as hospitality, accommodation, entertainment and retailing may encounter community sharps on their premises. Business operators can facilitate safe disposal and safeguard the health of employees, customers and waste workers by:

- Installing community sharps disposal bins in public toilets and restrooms, and
- Arranging for a contractor licensed to transport sharps waste to remove all community sharps generated or collected on the premises.

If you find injecting equipment

While the risk of acquiring a serious infection as a result of an accidental injury from a community sharp is extremely low, the anxiety resulting from such an injury can be significant.

If you find a syringe in a public place help protect your community by calling the:

Needle Clean Up Hotline 1800 633 353

or contact Shoalhaven City Council on (02) 4429 3374

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