

Sharps Disposal by Mail™



The SHARPS Program Did You Know...

... That improperly disposed syringes; hypodermic needles and other “sharps” can cause serious injury to your families and create hazards in our Community? In the past, people who self-inject generally have had problems properly disposing of syringes and needles.

In Inglewood, there are an estimated estimate 3,375 self-injectors (in a population of 112,482) and over 1.2 million needles generated outside of healthcare every year (1 needle per person per day, conservative estimate).

... To address this risk, Inglewood’s Public Works Department, and Waste Management have identified a mail back disposal system as the best method for removing needles from Inglewood.



How the Sharps Disposal by Mail System Will Work - In summary, the Disposal by Mail component of the program will include a sharps container, and a government-approved return sharps mail back box. The cost of destruction and mailing, as well as confirmation of destruction, is included in the purchase price of the container.

Inglewood residents that qualify, as program subscribers will be entitled to a maximum of three (3) containers per year. The first container is absolutely free of charge. The second and third containers will cost each subscriber \$5 per container, which represents a total retail savings of \$25 per container. When the sharps container is full, it is placed in a pre-paid postage return box, which is returned to a designated treatment facility via the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). Upon receipt, the designated treatment facility documents the receipt, weight and destruction of each container and its contents of used syringes. Electronic proof of destruction is made available for the users records.

The system is economically efficient and eliminates waste removal service fees and manual transportation. These features are a great advantage to subscribers.

... Residents can also utilize the disposal program developed by the City of Inglewood in partnership with Waste Management. It's easy to use, and allows the residents of the City Inglewood to properly dispose of needles and syringes. This disposal program is confidential and protects your family as well as the community.

It's Safe ... and it's Convenient to Residents of Inglewood

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See below for participating pharmacies:

Rite Aid #5486 at 11340 S Crenshaw Bl
Walgreen's #06974 at 3331 W Century Blvd
Walgreen's #06413 at 230 N La Brea Av

*You must provide proof (i.e. driver's license or utility bill) that you are a resident of City of Inglewood to qualify for this FREE PROGRAM.

