



## **Disposing of Sharps Containers**

Did you know that there are specific guidelines regarding proper disposal of filled sharps containers?

Customers often contact Conney asking what they should do with their filled sharps containers. Unfortunately, guidelines, and available disposal programs vary depending on the customer's location. The first suggestion should be for the customer to check with their local garbage service or health department. Here are some of the options that may exist:

### **Drop Box/Supervised Collection Sites**

- Includes places like hospitals, pharmacies, health departments, etc.
- Sometimes free or nominal fee

### **Local Household Hazardous Waste Site**

- Convenient and normally no fees involved

### **Mail-Back Programs**

- Limited to certain FDA-approved sharps containers
- Convenient for the customer
- Fees vary

### **Special Residential Waste Pick-Up**

- Fees normally involved and strict requirements for containers that can be collected

Conney Safety offers a variety of different sized sharps containers and we can often source additional sizes that may not appear in the catalog.

Please remember that sharps containers should never be reused. Also, customers should be careful to not overfill their sharps container(s) so as to avoid any accidental needle-stick injury.

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