



Working together, we can create a safer place to live

Easy as 1- 2 -3!

1. Buy a sharps container at either the Amherst Health Department or the Amherst Transfer Station
2. Fill the container with used needles and syringes at home
3. Securely close the box and return it to the Amherst Health Department or the Transfer Station for disposal

Why you should use a sharps container at home:

Environment

To eliminate needles and syringes in the garbage, landfills and the environment

Home

To ensure safe disposal of needles in the home setting

Safety

To prevent injury to children, family members, maintenance workers, and foraging animals

It's the Law



Sharps Program

**Amherst, Pelham &
Shutesbury**

A program of
Amherst Department
of Public Works
and
Amherst Health
Department

Amherst Sharps Program

Do you use sharps such as needles, syringes, and lancets at home? They can pose significant health risks when they are improperly disposed. Clean sharps or used sharps that have come in contact with blood or other body fluid require careful management to protect our environment, our pets and each other.

Massachusetts's law prohibits the disposal of medical sharps in household waste. This means it is illegal to throw them in the regular trash. The law requires that sharps be collected in an approved container and delivered to a registered sharps collection site for proper disposal.



Program Assistance Information:
1-800-643-1643
www.safeneedledisposal.org

Government Resources:

www.epa.gov/osw/nonhaz/industrial/medical/disposal.htm

Location and Times

Tuesday

Transfer Station 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday

Health Department 9:00 am - 12:00

Thursday

Transfer Station 8:00 am - 2:00

Saturday

Transfer Station 8:00 am - 2:00

*Free entrance to
Transfer Station for sharps
disposal

***This Program is for Resident Use
Only,
Not for Business Use***

Cost

2.2 Quart Container \$5.00.
Larger containers will be pro-rated
and may cost more

The cost includes approved
biomedical disposal when returned
to an Amherst facility

If your sharps are already
in a rigid, leak proof container, call
for options

Questions?

Call Amherst
Department of Public Works
413-259-3050, ext. 0

Amherst Health Department
413-259-3077