



COMMUNITY USED SHARPS DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Cochise Health & Social Services is now offering a Community Used Sharps Disposal Program for Cochise County effective April 1, 2015. Residents may drop off acceptable sharps containers at the following locations Monday - Friday, between 8a.m. and 5p.m.

Program Features:

1. Free used sharps disposal at all CHSS locations, in approved containers.
2. 1 gallon sharps containers available for purchase to all residents at \$5 per container for assistance with proper disposal.
3. All program participants are eligible sign up and receive free "Wellness Briefs" and Health Related Newsletters/Information from CHSS on a wide variety of chronic diseases and health topics, as well as our services and any upcoming events.

Bisbee

1415 Melody Lane, Bldg, A
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Benson

126 W. 5th St.
Benson, AZ 85602

Willcox

450 S. Haskell Ave.
Willcox, AZ 85643

Douglas

1012 N. G. Ave., Ste. 101
Douglas, AZ 85607

Sierra Vista

4115 E. Foothills Dr.
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Call 520-432-9407, email: sharpsdisposal@cochise.az.gov, or visit us online at www.cochise.az.gov/health-and-social-services/sharpsdisposal

HELP PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT BY PROPERLY DISPOSING OF NEEDLES AND SHARPS WHICH ARE HAZARDOUS WASTE.

Approved Containers Per Sharps Guidelines:

- Sharps must be in a sharps disposal container or in a hard sided PLASTIC container like a bleach or laundry detergent bottle or metal container with a secure lid.
- Containers that held a food product are not appropriate for use.
- The sharps container must have a label that states "Biohazard" with a secure lid OR Household containers, such as plastic detergent bottles, can be used if heavy duty tape is used to secure the lid to the container and the words "Do Not Recycle" are written on the container with a permanent marker.
- The container should also be puncture-proof with a tight-fitting lid.
- Please refrain from using a clear or glass container.
- Please do not overfill the containers.
- Medical sharps should be fully encapsulated prior to disposal in the solid waste receptacle. You can add quick drying cement, plaster, or similar materials to the container of sharps. Allow the container to dry before disposing in the solid waste receptacle.
- Residents will not be allowed to keep their containers; it must be placed whole into the barrel.
- Go to www.cochise.az.gov/health-and-social-services/sharpsdisposal to download an acceptable Sharps Container Label if you do not have one, or ask one of our staff members to provide one to you. Residents must secure it to their container on their own as described in the guidelines above.



SHARPS LABEL USE INSTRUCTIONS:

Print these labels to create approved sharps disposal containers.

1. Save an empty, hard-sided sealable non-food plastic bottle from your home, such as a laundry soap or bleach bottle.
2. Apply these labels to both flat sides of your hard-sided container, with tape.
3. Place your used needles, syringes and lancets into this labeled container.
4. When full, seal the lid tight, and apply tape around the lid covering the threads.
5. Save another empty hard-sided non-food bottle and repeat this process.
6. Take full sharps containers to a designated location. For a list of locations in Cochise County Call 520-432-9407, email: sharpsdisposal@cochise.az.gov, or visit us online at www.cochise.az.gov/health-and-social-services/sharpsdisposal
7. New labels can also be obtained at the disposal locations.

