

Hey South County!

Let's talk sharps.

What is a sharp?

"Sharps" are devices with edges that can puncture or cut skin. Sharps may be used at home, at work, and while traveling for the administering of medications to manage medical conditions.

Needles, auto-injectors, and lancets are all sharps.



"Needlestick-related injuries account for 45% of all injuries at material recovery facilities" (Charbonneau et al., 2022)

How am I impacted?

Used sharps pose a danger to **people** and **pets** if not handled safely. Unintended needle sticks can cause injury and disease to sanitation workers and the public by potentially exposing them to blood-borne diseases such as **human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)**, **hepatitis B virus (HBV)** and **hepatitis C virus (HCV)**.

What should I do?

Bring your **approved container** of used sharps to one of the **permanent collection sites** placed throughout Southern Berkshire County.



More Information

www.southernberkshirehealth.com

DO:

Place all sharps in a provided or sturdy container before dropping them in the bin.

Provided

- Plastic biohazard containers

Approved

- Thick plastic bottles with secured lids
- Empty laundry detergent, household cleaners, and toiletry bottles

Label Your Container:

SHARPS DO NOT RECYCLE



Bring the container to a South County sharps disposal location.



DON'T:

Put loose or collected sharps in the recycling bin.

Put loose sharps in unapproved containers.

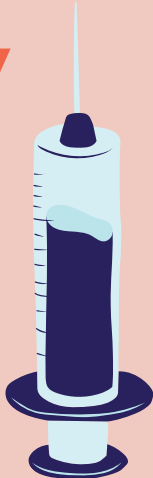


Put containers of sharps in the trash or toilet.

Most locations have **FREE** and **APPROVED** take-home sharps containers!

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safety is the
point.



SAFE NEEDLE DISPOSAL SAVES LIVES.

Sharp Collection Sites

LOCATION:	ADDRESS:	OPEN TO:
Alford Transfer Station	5 Alford Center Rd, Alford	Alford Residents Only
Berkshire Harm Reduction	42 Summer St, Pittsfield	All
Egremont Transfer Station	171 Plain Rd, South Egremont	Egremont Residents Only
Fairview Hospital ER	29 Lewis Ave, Great Barrington	All
Great Barrington Town Hall	BOH, 334 Main St, Great Barrington	All
Housy Dome	1064 Main St, Housatonic	All
Lee Town Hall Lobby	32 Main St, Lee	All
Monterey Transfer Station	40 Gould Rd, Monterey	Monterey Residents Only
Mount Washington Transfer Station	Cross Rd, Mount Washington	Mount Washington Residents Only
New Marlborough Town Hall	807 Mill River Southfield Rd, New Marlborough	All
Otis Town Hall	1 North Main Rd, Otis	All
Sandisfield Transfer Station	144 Sandisfield Rd, Sandisfield	Sandisfield Residents Only
Sheffield Town Hall	21 Depot Square, Sheffield	All
South County Recovery Center	67 State Rd, Great Barrington	All
Stockbridge Town Hall	50 Main St, Stockbridge (ground floor)	All
The Curtis Lobby	6 Main St, Lenox	All

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Visit www.southernberkshirehealth.com for more information on disposal options or call (413) 243-5540 x 109