



Escondido Fire Department

Sharps and Medication Disposal Information

Sharps Disposal

Needles, syringes and lancets used for home healthcare are referred to as “sharps.” California law prohibits the disposal of sharps waste in the regular trash. Sharps waste poses a risk to trash collectors who may accidentally get stuck by a needle, syringe or lancet and be exposed to a blood or a disease. Your children, pets, housekeepers, and janitors may also be at risk of a needle stick if the needles are improperly stored or disposed.

Used sharps **must not** be thrown in the trash, flushed down the toilet or placed in recycling containers. The Fire Department does not accept or dispose of home healthcare used sharps.

Proper disposal of used home healthcare sharps is done by dropping them off at **Escondido Disposal, INC., Waste and Recycling Service** located at [1044 West Washington Avenue](#) in Escondido. (Click the address for a map) **NOTE: All sharps must be in a sealed clear container.**

Used sharps can:

- Injure people
- Spread germs
- Spread serious disease like HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, and tetanus

Escondido Disposal Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm; Saturdays by Appointments only
Phone: (760) 745-3203
www.escondidodisposal.com

Medication Disposal

The safest way to dispose of expired or unused prescription or over-the-counter medication is to utilize the City’s medication disposal program. You can also dispose of vitamins or pet medications. You may want to remove the label, however the City’s drop off facility is secure and private.

Prescription medications can be dropped off at the Escondido Police and Fire Headquarters located at [1163 North Centre City Parkway](#) in Escondido. (Click the address for a map)

Escondido Police and Fire Lobby Hours

Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm
Non emergency phone line: (760) 839-4722

