

**Disposal of Sharps
at the
Boone County Landfill
Satellite Collection Facility**

The following specific procedures apply during the collection of Sharps at the Boone County Landfill Satellite Facility:

1. Only residents may deliver sharps to the satellite facility.

Sharps acceptance schedule:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(No appointment necessary).

Saturday morning deliveries require a prior appointment.

Please call 515.433.0591 for more information or to make an appointment.

2. All sharps must be delivered contained within a rigid and closed container (either a sharps container or hard plastic detergent bottle with lid screwed on.)

3. Sharps delivered by residents will be placed in the sharps collection boxes in the original RIGID containers that residents bring them in (either sharps containers or hard plastic detergent bottles with the lid screwed on.) ***Due to safety concerns, sharps will NOT be transferred from the resident's containers into the sharps collection box.***

4. Customers shall unload their vehicles and place the rigid container in the satellite facility's sharps disposal bag. Under no circumstances will Landfill personnel handle a sharps container delivered by a customer.

5. A third party may deliver sharps on behalf of a resident if they provide both their name and address and the name and address of the resident generating the waste.

6. Businesses may not utilize the satellite collection site for sharps waste their business generates.

7. **Fee Schedule:** Currently there is **no charge** for this service. However, the Landfill reserves the right to establish a fee schedule at any time.

SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL GUIDE

*A Guide for the safe disposal of
needles, syringes, and lancets generated in the home*



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SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL

What are “Sharps”?

Sharps are needles, syringes, with attached needles, and disposable lancets used by medical patients to treat conditions such as diabetes, allergies, cancer, etc. Farmers also use needles or syringes to inject livestock.

Why are sharps a danger?

Improperly discarded sharps can injure garbage collectors, recycling workers and landfill employees and customers. Accidental needle sticks from carelessly discarded sharps can transmit deadly diseases, such as Hepatitis B, HIV (the virus that may lead to AIDS), and tetanus.

Never put a sharps container in the garbage or recycling bin. Dispose of a sharps container only through a qualified medical or hazardous waste management facility. Any other disposal option may cause an injury to a family member, collection worker, landfill personnel or customers or even a pet. Although sharps containers are of a rigid design, they cannot hold up to the compaction forces of a modern garbage truck or landfill compaction equipment.

A waste handler's greatest fear is being stuck by a needle in the garbage or recycling bin.

Proper Sharps Disposal:

Use a specifically designed sharps disposal container. These containers may be purchased at most pharmacies for just a few dollars and are designed to protect yourself and anyone else who might come into contact with the container. Your doctor or veterinarian may also provide them. The advantages of using a sharps container are that they are leakproof, rigid and puncture resistant. A variety of sizes are available which can hold from 30 to 300 used sharps.

How do I dispose of Sharps?

You may dispose of sharps at the Boone County Landfill's satellite household hazardous waste collection facility. The facility will accept sharps containers (see other side for acceptance criteria) during the landfill's normal operating hours. Please call 515.433.0591 for more information.

**See Other Side for
Acceptance Procedures
for Disposal of Sharps
Established by the
Boone County Landfill**

Credits: The Boone County Landfill gratefully acknowledges the cooperation of the Linn County/Cedar Rapids Solid Waste Agency for permitting the Landfill to utilize the information contained in their safe sharps disposal brochure.

Other Disposal Options for Sharps:

Did you know that there are mail disposal services to help you properly dispose of items such as needles, syringes, other sharp objects and soiled bandages?

How do these systems work? You simply make arrangements with a private company that provides this type of service. You prepay them for an approved medical waste disposal container which they then send to your home or office. You then follow the enclosed instructions, fill the container, enclose payment for your next container (if needed) and mail the container to a specified treatment facility. The container and its contents are then properly treated and disposed of and a certificate of destruction is mailed to you along with your new disposal container.

You can contact the following companies for more information:

SteriCycle

National Hotline: 1-800-234-7869

GRP & Associates, Inc.

**Clear Lake, Iowa
1-800-209-0976**

QUESTIONS? Please do not hesitate to contact the Boone County Landfill at 515.433.0591 if you should have any questions.