



PROPER STORAGE OF HOUSEHOLD GENERATED SHARPS & PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE

HOME -GENERATED SHARPS (needles, syringes with needles and lancets)

- PREVENT needle stick injuries by not disposing of sharps in residential solid waste, recyclable materials or green waste collection containers. It is an illegal practice in California.
- STORE sharps waste (lancets & syringes) safely in puncture resistant containers, such as plastic jars or mugs until you can take them to a drop-off site for proper disposal.
- KIOSKS are now located throughout Kings County for the safe disposal of sharps, free of charge to the public. Refer to the back of the handout for a location near you.
- FREE sharps containers remain available to the general public at KCEHS and these will continue to be accepted at Kings Waste Recycling Authority (KWRA) for their disposal.

HOME – GENERATED PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE (expired & unused prescriptions or over the counter medications)

- NEVER discard unused or expired medications in a bathroom sink, flush them down the toilet or throw them away in the trash. These practices increase the risk of groundwater contamination and place poisonous substances at the reach of the general public, including children.
- STORE medications in their original container or a clear plastic container, away from children, until you can safely dispose of them.
- KIOSKS for both medications and sharps wastes are now located throughout Kings County. Refer to the back of the handout for a location near you.
- KWRA only accepts pharmaceutical waste during Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events.

For questions concerning this information, please contact KCEHS at
(559) 584-1411.



DISPOSAL SITES FOR HOUSEHOLD SHARPS & MEDICATIONS IN KINGS COUNTY



■ **KINGS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - HANFORD**

- 1444 W. Lacey Blvd.
Hanford, CA 93230
- (559) 584-1431
- Outdoor kiosk accessible 24/7

■ **KINGS WASTE RECYCLING AUTHORITY – HANFORD**

- 7803 Hanford-Armona Rd.
Hanford, CA 93230
- (559) 583-8829
- SHARPS can be dropped off Monday–Saturday 7am – 4pm.
- PHARMACEUTICALS can be dropped off only at Hazardous Waste Collection Events during the Spring and Fall.

■ **LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- 657 Fox Drive
Lemoore, CA 93245
- (559) 924-9574
- Outdoor kiosk accessible 24/7

■ **CORCORAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- 1031 Chittenden Ave.
Corcoran, CA 93212
- (559) 992-5151
- Outdoor kiosk accessible 24/7

■ **AVENAL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- 317 Alpine St.
Avenal, CA 93204
- (559) 386-4444
- Outdoor kiosk accessible 24/7

DO NOT THROW AWAY SHARPS OR MEDICATIONS IN ANY RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE CONTAINERS, OR CONTAINERS USED FOR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS & GREENWASTE. READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND HELP PREVENT THE RISK OF NEEDLE-STICK EXPOSURE AND GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION. FOR QUESTIONS CALL KCEHS AT 559-584-1411