

BULLETIN

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TO: All Personnel

FROM: Chris Heiser, Deputy Chief, Emergency Medical Services

SUBJECT: Illegally Discarded Sharps and Sharps Disposal Drop-Off Locations

There has been an increased occurrence of individuals illegally discarding sharps at fire stations throughout the city. Do not accept used sharps or place illegally discarded sharps in the red barrel for disposal by AMR. Only emergency response generated sharps shall be placed in the red barrel. Illegally discarded sharps shall be disposed by calling the City of San Diego Hazardous Waste Facility at (858) 694-7000. They will send a representative to the station to pick up the sharps.

Residents requesting sharps disposal information may contact the providers listed on the attached Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities page.

Questions or concerns shall be routed through your chain of command.

Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities
Accepting Sharps in San Diego County

No.	Facility	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Hours	Areas Served	Comments
1	Chula Vista	1800 Maxwell Rd.	Chula Vista	91910	(619) 691-5122	6:30am-9:30am M-F	Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, National City, Unincorporated Southern County	No appointment needed, Suggested donation \$5.00, Valid CDL/ID. No greater than 15 gal. Closed Holidays.
2	City of San Diego	5161 Convoy St.	San Diego	92111	(858) 694-7000	Call for hours of operation	City of San Diego Residents	Call for appointment. Must show proof of residence.
3	Coronado	1001 6th Street, behind fire station	San Diego	92118	(619) 522-7380	Call for hours of operation	Coronado	Must be a resident of Coronado. No appointment necessary.
4	El Cajon	1001 W. Bradley Ave.	El Cajon	92020	(619) 596-5100	Call for hours of operation	El Cajon, Santee	Call for appointment, waste will be transferred into their containers.
5	County of San Diego	324 Maple St.	Ramona	92065	(877) 713-2784	Call for hours of operation	San Diego Unincorporated North County	Call for appointment. Closed Holidays.
6	Escondido	1044 W. Washington	Escondido	92025	(760) 745-3203	Call for hours of operation	City limits of Escondido	Call for appointment.
7	La Mesa	8184 Commercial St.	La Mesa	91942	(619) 287-5696 ext. 4270	Call for hours of operation	La Mesa residents only	Call for appointment. Generally will call back in 2- 3 business days. No co-pay.
8	Poway	12325 Crosthwaite Circle	Poway	92064	(858) 547-3117 (Vanessa)	Call for hours of operation	Poway, Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, Santee, San Marcos, Solana Beach	Proof of residency required.
9	Vista	1145 E. Taylor St.	Vista	92084	1-800-444- 4244	Call for hours of operation	Vista, Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, Escondido, San Marcos, Solano Beach, Cardiff	
10	Oceanside	2880 Industry St.	Oceanside	92054	(760) 439-2824	Call for hours of operation	Oceanside, Carlsbad	

All sharps, needles and lancets shall be placed in a puncture proof plastic container (i.e. sharps container, coffee can or detergent bottle) Label the container with contents (i.e. syringes, lancets etc.) and secure the lid with duct tape or similar. Securing/taping the lid is not necessary if the contents are being transferred to the facilities container.