

HOW TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD USED NEEDLES AND SYRINGES

SAFELY
RESPONSIBLY
PERMANENTLY

Why throwing household used needles and syringes in the trash is a bad idea.

- Could puncture through plastic trash bags
- Trash collectors might get stuck when picking up bags
- May end up on the ground and poke anyone who happens to walk by – even through shoes

Your safest disposal options.

CALL FOR PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS BEFORE YOU BRING USED HOUSEHOLD SYRINGES AND NEEDLES TO THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES:

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| ⊙ Countywide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facilities | 408/299-7300 |
| ⊙ San Martin Transfer Station | 408/683-4443 |
| ⊙ Sunnyvale Materials and Recovery Transfer Station (SMaRT Station) | 408/752-8530 |
| ⊙ Palo Alto Recycling Center (Palo Alto residents only) | 650/496-6980 |



QUESTIONS??



For more information on safe household needle and syringe disposal, call the Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health, Medical Waste Management Program at 408/918-3400.