

## Why is there a Used Sharps Collection Program?

Many community residents have medical conditions, particularly diabetes, that require self-injections at home.

Because of issues regarding safety and disease transmission, the disposal of home-generated needles, syringes and lancets (or "sharps") has caused some concern on the part of residents, refuse collection companies, and waste and recycling processors.

## How does the Lee County program work?

You may go to any of the locations listed below to pick up your initial used sharps container (red box).

- After normal injections or blood test, dispose of sharps in the box. Do not clip or recap the needle.
- Do not attempt to retrieve sharps after they have been placed in the box.
- Do not overfill the sharps box. When the box is filled, use the locking mechanism on the lid to secure it. Place strips of adhesive tape across the top of the box.
- Return the sealed container to any fire station drop-off site, exchange it for a new one and repeat the process.

When making the exchange, always give the filled sharps box to authorized personnel. Never leave a sharps box unattended. *If no one is available at the fire station for an exchange, DO NOT leave your sharps box because it could get into the wrong hands.*

## The Lee County Sharps Disposal Program was implemented to:

- Help you properly dispose of your needles and lancets
- Provide an environmentally safe option for disposing of sharps
- Prevent injury to humans and animals
- Keep sharps out of household trash and recycling bins
- Provide the public with local collection sites for home-generated needles and lancets
- Prevent the spread of infectious disease
- Remove used needles from circulation and prevent the sharing of needles

## OTHER RESOURCES

### Lee Health Solutions

(239) 424-3127

[leehealth.org/diabetes](http://leehealth.org/diabetes)

### Lee County Solid Waste

(239) 533-8000

[leegov.com/solidwaste](http://leegov.com/solidwaste)

### Lee County Sheriff

(239) 477-1000

For proper disposal of expired medication

### Department of Health - Lee

(239) 690-2100



# LEE COUNTY USED SHARPS COLLECTION PROGRAM



## EXCHANGE SITES

### Did You Know?

You can go to any fire station in Lee County to

- Get a new sharps container
- Exchange a full sharps container for a new one

### What are Sharps?

“Sharps” are defined as medical wastes that have the potential to puncture or lacerate. This includes hypodermic and intravenous needles and syringes, as well as disposable lancets.

Once you use a syringe, needle, lancet or other “sharp” it becomes a potentially hazardous medical waste product. That is why it’s important to dispose of “sharps” the right way.



 **DO NOT** throw loose sharps in trash



 **DO NOT** put sharps in recycling



 **DO NOT** flush sharps down toilet



 **KEEP OUT** of reach of children

<b>Alva Fire District</b>	2660 Styles Rd.	<b>Fort Myers Shores</b>	12345 Palm Beach Blvd.
<b>Bayshore Fire</b>	17350 Nalle Rd.	<b>Iona/McGregor</b>	16551 McGregor Blvd. 15961 Winkler Rd. 5401 Winkler Rd. 6061 South Pointe Blvd. 15660 Pine Ridge Rd.
<b>Boca Grande Fire</b>	360 E. Railroad Ave.	<b>Lee County Department of Health</b>	83 Pondella Rd. 3920 Michigan Ave. 5624 8th St. W, Lehigh Acres
<b>Bonita Springs Fire Dept.</b>	28055 Mango Dr. 27701 Bonita Grande Dr. 27490 Old 41 Rd. 8850 West Terry St. 25001 S. Tamiami Tr	<b>Lehigh Acres</b>	636 Thomas Sherwin Ave. S. 3120 16th St. SW
<b>Cape Coral</b>	4610 Coronado Pkwy. 1029 Diplomat Pkwy. E. 3623 W. Gator Cir. 4540 Chiquita Blvd. S. 4107 Pelican Blvd. 1627 Everest Pkwy. 2007 Santa Barbara Blvd. 701 Nicholas Pkwy. 707 SW First St. 3942 Burnt Store Rd. N. 1038 Burnt Store Rd.	<b>Matlacha/Pine Island</b>	5700 Pine Island Rd. 5015 Stringfellow Rd. 14861 Stringfellow Rd.
<b>Captiva</b>	14981 Captiva Dr. Box 477	<b>North Fort Myers</b>	1280 Barrett Rd. 16290 Slater Rd. 2900 Trail Dairy Cir.
<b>Upper Captiva Estero</b>	4511 Hodgepodge Ln. 8631 Country Rd. 21300 Fire House Ln. 8005 Sweetwater Ranch Blvd. 21500 Three Oaks Pkwy.	<b>San Carlos</b>	19591 Ben Hill Griffin Pkwy. 8013 Sanibel Blvd. 16901 Island Park Rd.
<b>Fort Myers Beach</b>	3043 Estero Blvd. 17891 San Carlos Blvd. 121 Lenell Rd.	<b>Sanibel</b>	2351 Palm Ridge Rd. 5171 Sanibel/Captiva Rd.
<b>Fort Myers</b>	2033 Jackson St. 1915 Jefferson Ave. 4520 Cummins Ct. 9700 E. Treeline 1035 Terry St. 4000 Veronica Shoemaker Blvd.	<b>South Trail</b>	2100 Crystal Dr. 13500 Sophomore Ln. 5531 Halifax Ave. 12780 Commonwealth Dr.
		<b>Tice</b>	5850 Buckingham Rd. 9351 Workmen Way