

FREE SHARPS DISPOSAL KIOSK



**DROP OFF FULL SHARPS CONTAINERS FOR FREE
AT THE SELF-SERVICE KIOSK IN THE BANGS
CENTER LOBBY ON THE GROUND FLOOR**

70 BOLTWOOD WALK, AMHERST, MA 01002-2351

SHARPS DISPOSAL





DO AND DON'T



- **DO** Dispose of needles, syringes, lancets, clippers, EpiPens, auto injectors, and infusion sets properly.

DO Bring full sharps

containers to the Amherst Public Health Dept. for FREE disposal at the Bangs Community Center or the DPW Transfer Station.



- **DON'T** transfer loose sharps between containers. Moving sharps increases the risk of injury and accidents

- **DON'T** dispose of medications in sharps containers - only needles, syringes, and similar items

- **DON'T** throw sharps in household trash



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Do I have to live in Amherst to use this program?

The program is available to residents of Amherst, Pelham, and Shutesbury.

2. What should I do if I don't have a sharps container

Use a heavy-duty plastic container (like a detergent bottle) until you can get a free sharps container at the Amherst Health Department or Transfer Station.

3. Is there a fee for disposal at the Amherst Transfer Station?

Disposing of sharps at the Amherst Transfer Station costs \$5, but it's free at the Amherst Health Department in the Bangs Community Center.

4. What types of sharps can be disposed of through this program?

This program accepts needles, syringes, lancets, and other similar sharp objects used for home health care.

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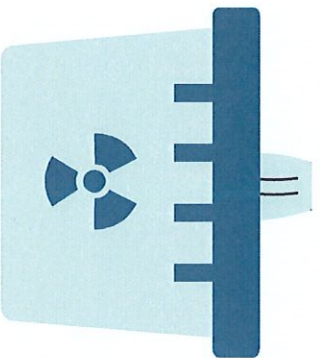
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Bangs Center 1st Floor,
70 Boltwood walk, Amherst, MA
Amherst Transfer Station: 740 Belchertown
Road, Amherst, MA 01002

* ABOUT US *

Since 2012, it has been illegal to dispose of needles, syringes, and lancets in Massachusetts landfills. These "sharps" must be placed in approved containers and taken to designated disposal sites. The Amherst Health Department and the Department of Public Works offer a Safe Needle Disposal Program for Amherst, Pelham, and Shutesbury residents, providing sharps containers at the Health Department and the DPW Transfer Station.



ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Call or email Amherst Public Health Dept.
413-259-3077
publichealth@amherstma.gov

HOW TO DISPOSE SHARPS

1. Pick up a Sharps Disposal Container

Dispose of used needles and sharps immediately in a proper container to prevent injury. Use a heavy-duty plastic bottle, like a detergent or bleach bottle, or pick up a disposal box at the Amherst Public Health Department, or transfer station.



2. Bring containers to one of our disposal sites.

- Kiosk on Ground floor, Bangs Community Center (70 Boltwood Walk, Amherst, MA)
**FREE
- Small needle collection box: exterior wall of main entrance of Bangs Center. **FREE
- Amherst Transfer Station: 740 Belchertown Road, Amherst, MA 01002 (Note: \$5 sharps disposal fee because it is a one-stop disposal site)



ELIGIBILITY



This program is for residents of Amherst, Pelham and Shutesbury who use sharps at home, it does not include business use

WHY IS THIS PROGRAM IMPORTANT?

The 2022-23 Amherst Community Health Needs Assessment highlighted the impact of the opioid crisis as well as the need for access to low-cost services for our community. This program provides safe, affordable sharps disposal, easing financial strain on those facing housing instability, economic hardship, or substance use, so they can prioritize essentials like food and shelter.

LOCATION & TIMES

Mon:
Health Dept: 9am-4pm

Tues:
Transfer Station: 8am-2pm
Health Dept: 9am-4pm

Wed:
Health Dept: 9am-4pm

Thurs:
Health Dept: 9am-4pm
Transfer Station: 8am-2pm

Fri:
Health Dept: 9am-4pm

Sat:
Transfer Station 8am-2pm