

DISPOSAL OF USED SHARPS BINS

Your local District or City Council has arrangements in place for the collection and disposal of **used sharps bins** from self- medicating patients treating themselves at home. Some have arrangements with pharmacies and some collect from the kerbside.

This service is **not** for residents who are being taken care of by a community nurse or other healthcare professionals at home as this waste is the responsibility of the healthcare provider and is **not** the responsibility of the local authority. The healthcare provider are under a duty to manage the waste they produce and they must take this waste away with them.

All sharps must be in a specially designed rigid box with a secure lid that's available on prescription (FP10 prescription form) that can be dispensed, along with medication.

If you have non-clinical waste that is non-infectious and does not contain pharmaceutical or chemical substances, such as sanitary towels, nappies and incontinence pads, you can place these in your kerbside residual waste bin. If you do not have enough room in your bin, please contact your local authority.

To find out specific details for your area on sharps collection please use the contact information below.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership			
	www.recap.co.uk/sharps		
This service provides information for residents in the following council areas:			
Cambridge City Council - https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/domestic-clinical-and-hygiene-waste			
East Cambridgeshire District Council - https://eastcamb.gov.uk/east-camb-street-scene/clinical-collections			
Fenland District Council - https://www.fenland.gov.uk/clinical			
Huntingdonshire District Council - https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/clinical-waste/			
South Cambridgeshire District Council - https://www.scamb.gov.uk/bins/clinical-waste/			
Peterborough City Council - https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/rubbish-and-recycling/bin-waste-advice/#ClinicalWaste			

Only dispose of used sharps in specialist sharps bins

Used sharps or sharp bins must not be placed in general household waste or recycling bins.