

Local Authority sharps box disposal



Pharmacy Department

How should I dispose of my sharps container?

Syringes and needles are clinical waste. Community pharmacies and G.P. surgeries do not have a responsibility to arrange collection for such waste.

Local Authorities are responsible for arranging collection and disposal of sharps from the public.

This will be collected separately from other household waste. Local authorities may make a charge to cover the cost of collection.

Each Local Authority has different arrangements for organising this service.

Listed overleaf are the arrangements in place for your area.

Council	Collection arrangements	Contact
Elbridge	On demand yellow sharps box collection for used syringes and needles. Replacement sharps boxes will be left after collection. www.elmbridge.gov.uk	01372 474474
Epsom & Ewell	1 free collection of sharps boxes per household, per calendar year. Subsequent collections in the same year are chargeable. www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk	01372 732000
Guildford	There is no regular collection. When required can normally arrange collection for the next working day. www.guildford.gov.uk	01483 505050 or 01483 444499
Mole valley	Free collection and supply of yellow sharps boxes. www.molevalley.gov.uk	01306 885001

Reigate & Banstead	Sharps bins are collected by PHS waste management www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk	02920 809098 Or register online
Runnymede	Free fortnightly collections with yellow sharps bins supplied. www.runnymede.gov.uk	0800 0520067
Spelthorne	Free weekly collection, yellow sharps bins are not Supplied and should be obtained from GP. www.spelthorne.gov.uk	01784 446411
Surrey Heath	Weekly collections with yellow boxes supplied www.surreyheath.gov.uk/healthcare-waste	01276 707330
Tandridge	Free collection made but yellow boxes must be obtained from GP. www.tandridge.gov.uk	01883 722000 Or register online
Waverly	Free collection by clinical waste services. Yellow boxes to be obtained through G.P. www.waverley.gov.uk	01483 523524 Or register online
Woking	Collection made and yellow boxes supplied free of charge. www.woking.gov.uk	01483 755855

Contact details

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PALS and Advocacy contact details

Contact details of independent advocacy services can be provided by our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) who are located on the right hand side as you enter the main reception area. PALS are also your first point of contact for health related issues, questions or concerns surrounding RSCH patient services.

Telephone: 01483 402757

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Opening hours: 9.00am–4.00pm, Monday to Friday

If you would like information documents in large print, on tape or in another language or form please contact PALS.

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