

Kiosk Location

Saugus residents can now safely deposit used needles and syringes into a sharps disposal kiosk located at the Inspectional Services Department in the lower level of Town Hall at 298 Central Street.

This kiosk has a one-way opening and can accommodate coffee cans, bleach bottles and other puncture proof containers.

Office Hours

Monday - 8:30 am - 7 pm

Tuesday - Thursday 8:15 am - 5 pm

Friday - 8:15 am - 12:30 pm

Be Informed.

Resources are just a phone call away. All calls are confidential.

- **AIDS Action Committee Hotline**

1-800-235-2331

Referrals to confidential and anonymous HIV counseling and testing.

- **AIDS Action Committee Pharmacy Access Hotline**

1-800-988-5209

- **Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**

617-292-5500

- **Massachusetts Department of Public Health**

617-624-6600 www.mass.gov/dph

- **Massachusetts Hepatitis C Program**

1-888-443-HEPC (4372)

www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/masshepc/

- **Massachusetts Substance Abuse Education Information and Helpline**

1-800-327-5050 TTY 617-536-5872

www.helpline-online.com

Information and confidential referrals to treatment and self-help groups

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781-231-4115

Sharps Disposal Information

Do's and Don'ts for Kiosk

Allowed

- Any sharps container that will fit in the upper roll door.
- A one-gallon (or smaller) sealed puncture resistant container (i.e. bleach bottle or laundry detergent bottle)
- A one-pound sealed, taped coffee can.

Not Allowed

- NO LOOSE NEEDLES.
- NO Glass containers.
- NO plastic or paper bags.
- NEVER leave a sharps container outside or on top of the kiosk.
- DO not allow children to play with the access door or sit on top of the unit.

Be Smart . Use a Sharps Container

A sharps container is a single-use container that is filled with used medical needles and then disposed of safely. These can be purchased at medical supply stores or even ordered through the mail.



Proper Use and Disposal of Needles and Syringes

Be Careful. Be Safe. Be Aware

Be Careful

Protect yourself, your community, your environment, and family and friends.

The proper disposal of needles and syringes is important!

Do put used syringes in sharps container immediately.

Do keep needles away from children and pets

Do bring a sharps container when traveling.

Do Not throw sharps in the garbage .

Do Not flush sharps down the toilet or drop into storm drains.

Do Not clip, bend or recap needles.

Be Safe

Reduce your risk of blood-borne diseases like hepatitis and HIV/AIDS.

Do use a new needle every time you inject.

Do clean the injection site with soap water, alcohol swabs or rubbing alcohol.

Do find out your HIV/viral hepatitis status. Get Tested. If you are, find out how to take care of yourself and avoid passing HIV/viral hepatitis to others.

Do clean your sharps with bleach IF you must reuse them.

Do Not inject in the same spot over and over again.

Do Not share needles, syringes, cookers, cotton or water.

Be Aware

Needles, syringes and sharps containers may not be thrown in recycle bins. Do not dispose of sharps in your weekly garbage. The Town of Saugus is now offering this disposal option. (effective December 1, 2009) If you must, place them in a rigid plastic container with a secure cap. These items must be disposed of at a drop off site or through a medical mail back service.

* For medical mail back services please contact:

Medasend 1-800-200-3581

Stericycle 1-800-355-8773

All will provide a variety of container sizes and pre-paid mailing cartons*



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