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*Thanks for helping to create a "sharp-safe" community.*

## Syringe Access and Safe Sharps Disposal

**Information on:**

- Where and how to purchase sterile syringes without a prescription
- Proper storage of sharps (needles, syringes, lancets and scalpels) and instructions on safe disposal
- HIV and hepatitis C information, testing and treatment locations
- Alcohol and other drug counseling and treatment services



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### THE PHARMACY ACCESS LAW

Registered pharmacies may sell new, sterile hypodermic needles and syringes to individuals, without a prescription, in order to prevent the spread of blood-borne diseases such as HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) and hepatitis C.

**Who may purchase?** Adults, 18 years or older

**How many?** You can purchase one 10-pack of new, sterile syringes at a time from a registered pharmacy. A free sharps container is available at the time of purchase for safe disposal of used needles.

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### REGISTERED PHARMACIES IN SONOMA COUNTY

- Dollar Drug  
1055 W. College Ave. Santa Rosa
- Lark Drugs  
16251 Main St. Guerneville

*For more information, call or visit our web site at:  
[www.sonoma-county.org/health/eh](http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/eh)*

### SHARPS STORAGE

**Do**

- Use only a red approved sharps storage container.
- Immediately put used sharps into your container, needle first. Keep container closed between uses.
- Keep sharps containers away from children and pets.

**Don't**

- Don't ever share a used needle or syringe.
- Don't flush sharps down the toilet or drop them into a storm sewer.
- Don't clip, bend, or recap sharps.
- Don't throw a sharps container in the garbage or recycling.
- Don't put sharps in soda cans, milk cartons, glass bottles, or in any containers that are not puncture resistant. Coffee cans are not recommended because the plastic lids come off easily and may leak.

## SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL

Sharps must be properly stored and then discarded after use, so we can:

- Prevent re-use of sharps and sharing of needles that can transmit infectious diseases
- Keep sharps out of household trash and recycling bins
- Protect children, pets, and sanitation workers from needle-stick injuries
- Protect the environment

### IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3

**1-** Use a sharps container supplied with your syringe purchase, or purchase a container at your local pharmacy.

**2-** Place used sharps in the container and store in a safe place.

**3-** Bring full, closed containers to a participating pharmacy, needle exchange or household toxic collection event for free disposal.

## DISPOSAL SITES

- **Household Toxics Facility-Central Disposal Site**  
500 Mecham Road, near Cotati, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30am to 3:30pm. No fee for Sonoma County residents; bring proof of residency.
- **Community Toxics Collection**, Tuesdays 4-8pm at different locations. Check SBC phonebook Recycling Guide or call toll-free at **877-747-1870**, M-F from 1-4pm. Appointment required. No fee for Sonoma County residents; bring proof of residency.
- **Registered pharmacies** (see list on opposite side)

### QUESTIONS ABOUT DISPOSAL SITES? CALL:

- Eco-Desk Hotline at **565-DESK (3376)**
- Your diabetes educator or local American Diabetes Association chapter
- Sonoma County Hepatitis AIDS Risk Reduction Project (S.H.A.R.P.) exchanges sterile syringes for used / contaminated ones, (needle exchange program). Call **(707) 527-5227** for location and times.

## PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Learn your HIV and Hepatitis status.

### Get Information and Get Tested.

**Drug Abuse Alternatives Center, HIV/HCV Health Services.** Free and anonymous drop-in clinics, Monday 12-4pm, and Thursday 2:00-5:30pm. Oral, blood testing for HIV and Hepatitis C. (2403 Professional Drive, SR **544-3295 x342**)

**The Center for HIV Prevention and Care.** Testing clinics Saturday 9:30am-12pm and Wednesday 3pm-6:30pm. Oral, blood testing and Rapid testing for HIV, HCV testing available. Walk-ins welcome; appointments preferred. (Clinics at 418 Riley Street, SR **565-4620**)

**Southwest Community Health Center.** Oral and blood testing for HIV. (751 Lombardi Ct, SR **547-2222**)

Or, call the **HIV/AIDS Helpline** at **565-4620** for more information or to locate a mobile HIV testing van.

## RESIDENTIAL AND OUTPATIENT ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG COUNSELING AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS

- **Athena House (526-3150)**

A 6-9 month residential treatment facility for women with a free aftercare program.

- **Casa Calmecac (573-0117)**

A 90-day residential program for Latino men.

- **Casa Teresa (829-9557)**

A residential program for Latina & non-Latina women and children.

- **Drug Abuse Alternatives Center/DAAC (544-3295)**

For adults & adolescents. Outpatient counseling for individuals & families, 9-12 month residential treatment program, a Perinatal Day Treatment program for pregnant or parenting women, & methadone program for opiate detox & maintenance.

- **Lytton Springs/Salvation Army (433-3334)**

Minimum 6 month residential treatment program for men, with a commitment to work at the facility.

- **Orenda Center (565-7460)**

Residential detox & 31-day program for men and women; long term program for men, and out patient counseling.

**Narcotics Anonymous 575-STEP**

- **R House (539-2948)**

A 9-12 month residential treatment program for young men & women, ages 14-18 years.

- **Redwood Empire Addictions Program (526-2999)**

A methadone maintenance & opiate detoxification program emphasizing counseling, healthy support and education.

- **Redwood Gospel Mission (542-4817)**

A 10-14 month program for adult men; must be at least 7 days clean before entering program.

- **St. Anthony's Farm (415-241-8338)**

Based in Petaluma, a 6-month residential program for adults on a dairy farm. Must be alcohol & other drug free for at least 72 hours. Intakes done in San Francisco.

- **Santa Rosa Treatment Program (576-0818)**

Methadone clinic, 21-day detox and maintenance.

- **Women's Recovery Services (527-0412)**

A residential recovery program for women for a 90 - day minimum stay. Children may accompany their mothers. Includes aftercare.

**Alcoholics Anonymous 546-2066**