

BILLERICA BOARD OF HEALTH

Medical Sharps Disposal

Billerica Residential Drop-off

(No business, medical office or commercial disposal accepted)



On July 1, 2012, a statewide ban on the disposal of sharps, in solid municipal waste/household trash went into effect. The majority of needles, lancets and syringes have been thrown away in household trash putting neighbors, children and solid waste workers at risk of needle stick injuries and infections. Many people today use syringes to manage health care needs at home. Since late 2009 the Board of Health has and will continue to accept sharps such as lancets, needles, syringes.

Use an approved container or a rigid plastic container such as a detergent bottle, no larger than a gallon size. Do not use a thinner type soda or bleach type bottle. Reinforce the lid with heavy-duty tape. Sharps containers can be purchased at most pharmacies, medical supply stores, or supplied through your insurance company. These containers must be $\frac{3}{4}$ to near full to be accepted.

At this time there will be no fee charged. **The BOH hours for drop off are M-F 8:30am-10:30am and 2pm-3pm.** Questions/concerns call Christine West, RN @ 978-671-0932 or Main BOH office @ 978-671-0931. Proof of Residency is required (license, current bill, etc).

Do not leave sharps containers outside department doors. Billerica Police Department has a Kiosk for prescription pills. They don't accept sharps.