

How Does the Program Work?

The Bay Area Sharps Disposal Program is made possible by the participation of the disposal sites listed in this brochure. Each of these disposal sites has volunteered to provide this service to the community, **free of any cost to you**. But it is your cooperation that is essential to the success of this program. In order to make the program run smoothly, it is important that you adhere to following guidelines:

- Attempt to use the disposal site only during the hours listed in the insert. Please note that times are subject to change.
- Do not bring sharps to the disposal sites in anything other than the approved sharps containers provided by the site.
- Always make sure your container is properly sealed. The disposal site has the right to refuse any improperly packaged containers in order to protect the safety of their employees.
- When disposing of your filled sharps containers, always give the container to authorized personnel. Never leave the container unattended.
- Never dispose of a sharps container in your household waste!
- Remember, the disposal sites have voluntarily accepted the burden and cost of disposing this potentially harmful waste. Encourage their continued support by participating responsibly.

PLEASE NOTE

THIS PROGRAM IS BEING PROVIDED FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR ONLY.
All professionals and businesses are regulated under state and federal biomedical waste laws and may not participate.

- Visit one of the disposal sites listed in this brochure during the indicated hours.
- Ask for a sharps container and instructions on its use.
- Take the container home. Keep it out of reach of children.
- Dispose of your used syringes completely intact into the sharps container.
- When the container is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ full, permanently close the top following the simple directions on the container.
- Once closed, return the filled sharps container to any one of the participating disposal sites for proper disposal.
- Obtain a new sharps container FREE!

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Disposal Sites

1. **Brandon Regional Medical Center**
119 Oakfield Dr
Brandon 33511
Pre-Admission Testing
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Monday – Friday (except Holidays)
2. **Memorial Hospital of Tampa**
2901 Swann Av
Tampa 33609
Main Laboratory
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monday – Friday (except Holidays)
3. **St. Joseph's Hospital**
3001 W Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Tampa 33607
Habana Security Station #3
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Monday – Friday
4. **Shriner's Hospital for Children**
12502 USF Pine Dr
Tampa 33612
Receiving Dock
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monday – Friday
5. **South Bay Hospital**
4016 Sun City Center Blvd
Sun City Center 33573
Materials Management Dept
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monday – Friday
6. **Veteran's Administration**
For Veterans Only – please contact VA nursing staff.

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Disposal Sites (cont.)

7. **South Florida Baptist Hospital**
301 N Alexander St
Plant City 33563
Receiving Dept
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Monday – Friday
8. **Tampa General Hospital**
1 Tampa General Circle
Tampa 33606
SPD
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
7 Days A Week
9. **Town & Country Hospital**
6001 Webb Rd
Tampa 33615
Hospital Switchboard - Lobby
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monday – Friday
10. **Florida Hospital Tampa**
3100 E Fletcher Av
Tampa 33613
Patient Service Center
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monday – Friday
11. **Florida Hospital Carrollwood**
7171 N Dale Mabry Hwy
Tampa 33614
One-Day Surgery Main Entrance
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monday – Friday
12. **St. Joseph's Hospital North**
4211 Van Dyke Road
Lutz 33558
Emergency Room
24 hours a day 7 days a week

About the Program

The Bay Area Sharps Disposal Program was designed as a community service to assist the residents of Hillsborough County with a safe and environmentally sound method for disposing of used needles or “sharps”.

The improper disposal of sharps threatens the safety of every member of the community, as they may be contaminated with hepatitis, HIV, and/or other serious diseases. The risk of injury or harm is very real and very frightening.

If you have a medical condition that requires the use of injected medications, please make the extra effort to participate in this free program. While helping prevent accidental needle sticks in our community, you may also be protecting yourself from liability.

Special Thanks

The Florida Department of Health - Hillsborough County acknowledges the sincere efforts expended by the participating disposal sites. We applaud your commitment to this community and respect the special responsibility you have accepted to protect the citizens and environment of Hillsborough County.



How Should I Dispose of Used Needles and Syringes?



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For Residential Use Only



This program is coordinated by:
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