

SAFE NEEDLE & SYRINGE DISPOSAL



Many Boston residents use syringes to manage a variety of health care conditions at home such as diabetes, allergies, multiple sclerosis, and others. The safe disposal of needles, syringes, and lancets (sharps) is necessary to protect residents, sanitation/municipal workers, and the environment.

What should I do with my used syringes?

Used syringes and other sharps should always be placed in a sharps container and disposed of safely – either at a drop-off site or in a mail-back program. IV drug users can also enroll in a Needle Exchange Program for needle exchange and other harm reduction services. Do not clip, bend, or recap needles and always keep sharps and containers away from children and pets.

Can I put my used syringes in the trash?

No. Throwing syringes in the trash, recycling bin, or disposing them anywhere that is not a safe needle disposal container is against the law and could lead to a fine. Sharps that have been improperly disposed of pose a health and safety risk to the public and to sanitation workers. Sharps and syringes must be disposed of at a needle and syringe disposal drop-off site or through a medical mail-back service.

What should I do if I find a needle on a public way?

If you find a needle on a sidewalk or other public way, please call the Mayor's Hotline at 311. Provide the location of the needle(s) with as much detail as possible and the Mobile Sharps Team will locate and collect the waste.

LOCATIONS FOR SAFE SYRINGE DISPOSAL IN BOSTON

AIDS Action Committee

Inside Access Program lobby
75 Amory Street Boston, MA

Boston Health Care for the Homeless

In lobby
780 Albany Street Boston, MA

Boston Public Health Commission

35 Northampton Street, Boston, MA

Project Trust

Inside building
721 Massachusetts Ave Boston, MA

Neponset Health Center

398 Neponset Avenue Dorchester, MA

MA Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

Inside doorway
1 Stoughton Street Dorchester, MA

Walgreens Community Pharmacy

Inside pharmacy
21-23 Stanhope Street Boston, MA

Women Connecting Affecting Change

In lobby
409 Blue Hill Avenue Dorchester, MA

Dimock Community Health Center

Outside kiosk; right side of the building
40 Dimock Street, Roxbury, MA

Clifford Park

Proctor Street Entrance, Boston, MA
171 Norfolk Ave, Boston, MA

Orchard Garden Park

Keegan St Entrance, Roxbury, MA

Boston Public Health Commission

906 Albany St, Boston, MA
112 Southampton St, Boston, MA