

MEDICATION AND SHARPS DISPOSAL



California law prohibits the disposal of home-generated sharps waste in trash or recycling containers. All sharps waste must be disposed of safely. The Orange County Fire Authority is NOT a medication or sharps drop off location. Please **do not** bring your medication or sharps to one of our fire stations.



Needles and syringes need to be disposed of safely after use. They cannot legally be thrown in the garbage or recycling.



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Sharps

Orange County's four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers accept sharps for disposal if they are in appropriate containers:

- Heavy-duty, puncture-resistant containers with a tight-fitting lid.
- Examples include empty plastic bottles, such as those for detergent, liquid fabric softener, or bleach.
- Check with your city's recycling coordinator for programs specific to your city.
- CalRecycle offers free sharps mail-back packages that are shipped directly to your residence. Call **844-482-5322** to request one.

Medication

- To locate a medication drop box near you, visit **oclandfills.com**
- Keep track of any missing and quickly used medications.
- Lock up medications to reduce access.
- Destroy expired or unused medication by following these steps:
 - When disposing containers, use a marker to cover all personal information.
 - Pour unwanted or expired medications into a zip bag.
 - Pour hot water (over 100 degrees) into the bag.
 - Insert kitty litter into the bag, seal it, and place in trash.

