

SHARPS DISPOSAL OPTIONS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

If you live in or around the Rapid City area, click [here](#) for information regarding the City of Rapid City free Sharps Disposal Program.



If you live in or around the Sioux Falls area, click [here](#) for information regarding the City of Sioux Falls free Sharps Disposal Program.

If you live in or around the Yankton area, click [here](#) for information regarding the City of Yankton Sharps Disposal Program.

Vermillion residents can take their household generated sharps to Missouri Valley Recycling Center, located at 840 N Crawford Rd, for disposal. For more information, please call (605) 677-7076.

Residents can also utilize other options available to them like mail-back programs that provide a safe sharps container and pre-paid postage for all household syringes and needles. Examples of these programs include [MedPro](#), [PureWay Compliance](#), [Sharps Compliance, Inc.](#), and [Stericycle](#).

Sharps containers can also be purchased at various pharmacies/retailers in South Dakota such as Shopko, Walgreens, Walmart, amongst others. Some of these containers may come with a mail-back feature, but most more than likely will not. Containers with a mail-back feature may have additional charges for that service. Check with your local pharmacy or retailer to see what options, if any, are available.

There is also an acceptable disposal method in which your household syringes and needles can be disposed in your garbage. Prior to placement in the garbage, it is highly recommended that the medical waste be rendered noninfectious, placed in a rigid container, and labeled appropriately. If you have questions about how to render a particular medical waste noninfectious, you should contact the South Dakota Department of Health at (605) 773-3356 for assistance.

For EPA information about safe methods of disposal for syringes and needles (sharps) go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/osw/nonhaz/industrial/medical/med-govt.pdf>.

