

# Safe Sharps Disposal

In recent years, communities on the North Shore have seen an increase of improper disposal of sharps in the garbage, streets, parks and beaches. This is not only putting sanitation workers at risk but, also the general public that are trying to enjoy our beautiful parks and beaches.

To try and combat this growing epidemic, we applied for and received a \$1500 grant from the Department of Public Health/ Office of Local and Regional Health in order to promote safe sharps disposal in our communities. This grant comes following a public health emergency declared by Governor Patrick on opioid addiction. Therefore, we have developed a postcard that educates people on how and where to properly dispose of sharps on the North Shore. This postcard is distributed at most pharmacies on the North Shore


**Mary A. Alley  
Municipal Building**  
Health Department  
7 Widger Road  
Marblehead, MA 01945  
781-631-0212

**Swampscott  
Town Hall**  
22 Monument Avenue  
Swampscott, MA 01907  
781-596-8864

**Lynn City Hall**  
3 City Hall Square  
Lynn, MA 01901  
781-598-4000

**Nahant Town Hall**  
334 Nahant Road  
Nahant, MA 01908  
781-581-0088

## FIND YOUR NEAREST DISPOSAL LOCATION POINT



**Salem Fire  
Department**  
48 Lafayette Street  
Salem, MA 01970  
978-744-1235


**Beverly Hospital  
Main Lobby**  
85 Herrick Street  
Beverly, MA 01915  
978-921-8591

**Danvers Police  
Department**  
120 Ash Street  
Danvers, MA 01923  
978-774-1212

**Peabody Police  
Department**  
6 Allens Lane  
Peabody, MA 01960  
978-531-1226

**Peabody City Hall**  
24 Lowell Street  
Peabody, MA 01960  
978-538-5900

## KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE USE A SHARPS CONTAINER

**DO NOT  
throw loose  
sharps in trash**

**DO NOT  
put sharps  
in recycling**

**DO NOT  
flush sharps  
down toilet**

**KEEP OUT  
of reach  
of children**

### STEPS TO SAFE NEEDLE DISPOSAL

1. Use syringe or needle once only
2. Do NOT try to put the cap back on the needle. Do NOT snap, break or bend any part of the needle.
3. Use a puncture-proof PLASTIC container (peanut butter, soda bottle, laundry jug etc). Seal it tightly and label SHARPS. Do NOT use a glass container as it could break.
4. Fill your sharps container as much as possible without overfilling
5. Contact your local pharmacy to see if they provide sharps disposal for their customers or dispose of your sharps container in a sharps kiosk available at your local town-sponsored site





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We are committed to providing the most up to date public health information that is impacting our communities.

Over the course of 2014 we have kept the North Shore updated on issues such as West Nile Virus, Tick Borne Disease, Enterovirus D-68, and the Flu.