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Sharps Disposal Program

The Hales Corners Health Department and Board of Health is committed to ensuring a safe environment for all citizens. It is with this in mind that the Sharps Disposal Program was implemented.

What are sharps? Sharps include needles, syringes, lancets and other sharp medical instruments used by individuals in their own homes to treat medical conditions. Unsafe disposal of sharps, mixed in with regular household garbage and recyclables, can result in serious diseases through accidental needle sticks to waste haulers, neighborhood children and the general public. To reduce such health risks, the state has made it illegal to throw used sharps out with your household garbage or your recyclable materials. The preferred method of disposal is to put used sharps into an approved "sharps" container or heavy plastic detergent bottle with a screw cap. Dispose of a full sharps container by taking it to a registered disposal site.

The Hales Corners Health Department will accept sharps from Hales Corners residents for proper disposal. However, due to the varying daily schedule and limited staff, you **MUST** call first (529-6155) before drop-off to assure a Health Department employee is available to accept a container. Under no circumstances should a sharps container be left at the Health Department unattended. Thank you for helping to ensure a safe environment.