

General information

- ✗ NEVER put sharps or a sharps container in your household rubbish
- ✗ Do not fill sharps containers with cotton wool, tissues etc. It should contain ONLY sharps
- ✓ Keep sharps and sharps containers away from children
- ✓ When the container is full (shown by a line on the box) it should be 'snapped' shut

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Advice on disposal of sharps

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Sharps containers can be obtained on prescription from your GP.

Sharps disposal

Arrangements for the safe disposal of your full sharps container which is used for insulin syringes, insulin pen needles and finger pricking lancets is dependant on where you live:

South Somerset District Council

South Somerset District Council runs an 'on demand' collection service when your sharps container is full.

When full, call 01935 462462 to request collection of your sharps container

A new one will be left if the patient requests this and it can be arranged through Somerset Waste Partnership.

If you prefer, obtain a new sharps container on prescription from your GP.

Mendip District Council

Mendip District Council will collect sharps containers through Somerset Waste Partnership.

When your container is full, call 01749 648999

A new one will be left if a patient requests this. If you prefer, a new sharps container can be obtained on prescription from your GP.

Sedgemoor District Council

Sedgemoor District Council runs an 'on demand' collection service for full sharps containers.

When your container is full, call 0845 408 2543 to ask for your details to be entered on their database. A contact number will then be given to you. Use the contact number whenever you need a container collected.

A new sharps bin is then usually issued, but failing this, one can be obtained on prescription from your GP.

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Taunton Deane Borough Council runs an 'on demand' collection service for full sharps containers.

When full, call 01823 356346 and ask for your sharps container to be collected and replaced with a new one.

Alternatively one can be obtained on prescription from your GP.

West Somerset District Council

West Somerset District Council will collect sharps containers on a regular basis.

When full, call 01643 703704.

Your sharps container will be collected and replaced with a new one. Failing this, one can be obtained on prescription from your GP.

Note: If you have been commenced on insulin or any injectable medication, for example Exenatide, Liraglutide or Bydureon, whilst a patient in hospital, please ensure you have a sharps container from a member of staff before you are discharged home.