

## DROP-OFF LOCATIONS AND TIMES

Bring your full sharps containers. You will receive an empty one.

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Municipal Office Bldg. (2nd Floor)  
26 Central Street  
West Springfield, MA

**8 AM – 4 PM**

**Monday – Friday, call first 413-263-3207**

### COUNCIL ON AGING/SENIOR CENTER

128 Park Street  
West Springfield, MA

**7 AM – 3:30 PM**

**Monday – Friday, call first 413-263-3246**

For those unable to leave their homes, the Health Department can supply you with a mail back container. Your first container is supplied at no charge. Once filled, you mail back the container for disposal and you will receive an empty container by mail. Call 413-263-3207 for more information.

### FOR INFORMATION:

West Springfield Health  
Department  
**413-263-3207**  
[www.west-springfield.ma.us](http://www.west-springfield.ma.us)

The Centers for Disease Control's National Goal ... *shall be that no syringes are discarded in the trash, or in public locations, such as parks, buildings or in the streets ...*

### IN WEST SPRINGFIELD WE SHARE THIS GOAL TO:

Protect children and pets.

Protect solid waste disposal workers.

Prevent re-use or sharing of sharps that can transmit infectious diseases.

Protect our environment.



# THINK TWICE ABOUT SHARPS DISPOSAL

**A guide  
to Safe  
Disposal  
of  
household  
Syringes  
and  
Lancets**

**A free Program  
for consumers**



A collaboration of West Springfield Health  
Department and Department of Public Works

**M**illions of people use syringes and lancets to manage their health-care at home. These syringes and lancets are called **HOUSEHOLD SHARPS**.

## WHO USES SHARPS IN WEST SPRINGFIELD?

Diabetes Patients  
Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients  
Hemophiliacs  
Pet Owners  
Farmers  
And others

Children, teenagers, adults and seniors all participate in home-health care management of their illnesses. Those who use sharps **MUST** properly store and discard them after use.



## DO NOT PUT SHARPS INTO CONTAINERS THAT CAN BE PUNCTURED OR BROKEN, SUCH AS:

Soda cans      Coffee Cans  
Glass Jars      Milk Cartons  
Juice Cartons      Plastic Soda Bottles  
Plastic Juice Bottles

## WEST SPRINGFIELD'S MEDICAL SHARPS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The goal is to provide a low cost and convenient management program for medical sharps used by residents of the Town of West Springfield. In addition, the program seeks to be protective of the environment and of the health and safety of trash collectors and recycling facility workers.

The Town's Health Department offers free containers to sharps users who bring in full ones to a collection center. Health Department staff will arrange for the collection and storage in a secure location and arrange for pick up and transportation to a medical waste incinerator.



## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO BETWEEN DROP-OFFS

Put used syringes and lancets in a sharps container.

- ❖ Keep sharps away from children and pets.
- ❖ Put used sharps immediately in your container.
- ❖ Keep container closed between uses.
- ❖ Bring a container with you when you travel.
- ❖ Store Container in a safe place.

Sharps are not recyclable!

Do not throw sharps in the garbage!

## WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT DO BETWEEN DROP-OFFS

- ❖ Do not flush sharps down the toilet.
- ❖ Do not drop sharps into storm drains.
- ❖ Do not clip, bend or recap sharps.
- ❖ Do not put in trash.