

SHARPS DISPOSAL

The Boylston Board of Health is accepting household sharps drop-offs for residents only at the Board of Health Office located at 221 Main Street.

Hours of acceptance are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

<u>What are Household Sharps?</u> - Needles and lancets used at home to inject medicine into people and pets.

Why is Proper Disposal Important? - Properly disposing of sharps keeps potentially harmful products out of the waste stream. A state law went into effect July 2012 banning the disposal of needles and lancets in the trash.

<u>Storage of Sharps</u> - Place sharps in a red medical waste or other puncture proof container such as a detergent or bleach bottle.

The Board of Health will have a limited supply of containers available in the office.

<u>Disposal Procedure</u> - When you arrive at the Board of Health Office, let the staff member know you want to drop off sharps.

The staff person will walk you to the storage area and ask you to place your container into the box.

Once again, for everyone's safety, sharps will not be accepted unless they are properly sealed in a red medical waste container or a sturdy plastic container.

Thank you for your cooperation.