

Syringe Pick-up in 4 Easy Steps

Cowlitz County Health & Human Services provides **free** clean-up kits* for businesses and community members who wish to clean up and safely dispose of used needles found on private or public property. The kits contain safety equipment and instructions about how to safely handle needles. They can be picked up at the main campus of CCHHS at 1952 9th Avenue in Longview during normal business hours.

*Each kit contains a sharps disposal container, puncture-resistant gloves, safety glasses, tongs and simple instructions for safe collection. This program is intended for residents and business owners cleaning up used needles found in the community, not for businesses that generate used needles.

Here's how to keep our streets safe and clean by properly disposing of discarded syringes.

Step 1 PICK IT UP



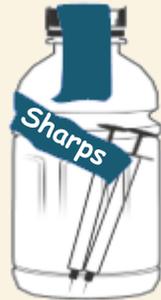
Use tongs, pliers, or a trash grabber.

Step 2 DROP IT IN



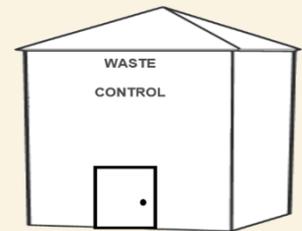
Use a hard plastic container with a lid. Drop the syringes in, one at a time, needle point down.

Step 3 SEAL IT UP



Close the container tight. If you have tape and a pen, seal the top and write "Sharps, Do not Recycle"

Step 4 DROP IT OFF



Drop the container off at Waste Control. 1150 3rd Avenue in Longview, WA



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Have questions? Call us!
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1952 9th Avenue
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SAFETY FIRST

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Safety Precautions



Drink plenty of water and take regular breaks.

Take care of your back! Bend with your knees when lifting heavy objects.

Bring along a first aid kit.

Always provide proper adult supervision for children.

Dress Appropriately

- Wear sturdy closed-toed shoes, tennis shoes, or boots
- Wear long pants or jeans
- Wear gloves to protect your hands
- Wear bright colors or a safety vest if working along a street
- Protect yourself from the sun: wear a hat, long sleeves, and sunscreen

Be Alert

- Be aware of your surroundings, watch out for cars, dogs, poison ivy, barbed wire, etc.
- Never put your hands into an area that is not visible
- Pick up and dispose of needles properly. "Pick it up - Drop it in - Seal it up - and Drop it off"

Take sharps containers to Waste Control

Waste Control is located at
1150 3rd Avenue in Longview, WA



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<https://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/2970/Medication-and-Needle-Disposal>



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