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FREE SHARPS CONTAINERS

California legislation SB 1305, enacted in September 2008, made it illegal to dispose of home-generated sharps waste (including hypodermic needles, lancets, etc.) in the trash, and requires that all sharps waste be transported to a collection center in an approved sharps container.

The County of Yolo received a hazardous waste grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board to purchase one-quart sharps containers that will be handed out to the public for free. These containers will be handed out at several locations throughout the county while supplies last. In Davis, these sharps containers will available at these locations:

- Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street
- Longs Drug Store, 1550 E. Covell Blvd.
- Longs Drug Store, 1471 W. Covell Blvd.

Two kinds of containers will be handed out: pre-paid mail back containers that can be placed in a mail box after they are filled, and containers that can be taken to the Yolo County landfill during a hazardous waste drop-off day for free disposal. The next hazardous waste days are this Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Sharps containers may also be purchased at most pharmacies and drug stores.

For more information on sharps disposal see www.davisrecycling.org.