

A GUIDE TO THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF

COMMUNITY SHARPS



WHAT ARE COMMUNITY SHARPS?

Many members of our community rely on using community sharps to maintain their own health or that of a family member.

Community sharps are sharps that have been generated by non-clinical activities and include:

- Needles;
- Syringes;
- Lancets; and/or
- Similar equipment used outside medical services, such as in homes.

Benefits of safe sharps disposal

Safely disposing of community sharps benefits everyone through:

- Reducing risk of injury and infection spreading among community,
- Keeping vulnerable family members safe including children and pets; and
- Keeping our environment waste-free and clean.

Know the standard

Disposal of community sharps using a sharps containers that conforms to the Australian Standard is the recommended practice for generators of community sharps.

If a container other than an Australian Standard sharps container is used to store and dispose of community sharps it should be a puncture resistant plastic container with a screw top.



**SAFE SHARPS
CONTAINER**



**PUBLIC PLACE
DISPOSAL BIN**

The Australian Standard applying to personal use containers is AS 4939-2001: Non-reusable personal use containers for the collection and disposal of hypodermic needles and syringes.

This standard only applies to containers holding up to ten 1ml syringes and needles. For more information visit:

www.health.nsw.gov.au

DISPOSAL OF COMMUNITY SHARPS

THE "DO'S AND DON'TS"

Community sharps should be kept secure and separate from your household waste and recycling at all times due to the high risk of needlestick injury to workers.

In the home

DO

- ✓ Place community sharps in an Australian Standard sharps container or other puncture-proof container
- ✓ Keep the sharps container out of reach of children
- ✓ Seal the lid of the sharps container when full and dispose at a community sharps collection facility

Away from home

DO

- ✓ Place community sharps in an Australian Standard sharps container or other puncture-proof container
- ✓ Dispose of community sharps in a designated sharps bin located at various community facilities throughout the Liverpool Local Government Area



DO NOT

- ✗ Dispose of community sharps in your household waste or recycling bins
- ✗ Flush community sharps down toilets or drains

DO NOT

- ✗ Dispose community sharps in any public litter bin
- ✗ Flush community sharps down public toilets or drains
- ✗ Leave sharps on the ground

FREE COMMUNITY SHARPS DISPOSAL FACILITIES

For free and safe disposal of community sharps, take your sharps in a sealed puncture resistant container (not glass) to one of the following local pharmacies:

AUSTRAL PHARMACIST ADVICE

Cnr Edmondson and
Tenth Avenues, Austral,
02 9606 9091

HAMMONDVILLE DISCOUNT PHARMACY

44 Walder Road,
Hammondville
02 9825 3638

BLACK & WHITE PHARMACY

337 Hume Highway,
Liverpool
02 9602 3145

HOXTON PARK PHARMACY

Shop 14/600A, Hoxton
Park Road, Hoxton Park
02 9825 8444

BLOOMS THE CHEMIST SHOP

Shop 46-48 Miller Central,
90 Cartwright Avenue,
Miller
02 9607 7204

LIVERPOOL DISCOUNT DRUG STORE

Liverpool Plaza, Shop 2,
165-191 Macquarie Street,
Liverpool
02 8798 5588

CASULA CENTRE PHARMACY

Shop 3/509 Hume
Highway, Casula
02 9601 6106

MEDIADVICE BRINGELLY PHARMACY

Shop 4, 21 The Northern
Road, Bringelly
02 4774 8161

ELIZABETH DRIVE PHARMACY

130 Elizabeth Drive,
Liverpool
02 9602 7324

MEDIADVICE PHARMACY LURNEA

63 Hill Road, Lurnea
02 9607 2114

**MOOREBANK DAY &
NIGHT PHARMACY**

21/42 Stockton Avenue,
Moorebank
02 9602 4476

**AMCAL MOOREBANK
PHARMACY**

1/42 Stockton Avenue,
Moorebank
02 9602 3255

MURRAY'S PHARMACY

238 Macquarie Street,
Liverpool
02 9601 4884

PENNA'S PHARMACY

72-78 Hoxton Park Road,
Liverpool
02 9602 7790

**PENNA'S PHARMACY
CECIL HILLS**

Shop 10, Cecil Hills
Shopping Village, Cnr
Feodore Drive and
Lancaster Avenue,
Cecil Hills
02 9823 6999

**PENNA'S PHARMACY
GREEN VALLEY**

Green Valley Village
Shopping Centre,
174 Green Valley Road,
Green Valley
02 9607 7920

**PENNA'S PHARMACY
PRESTONS**

Prestons Shopping
Centre, 57 Minnamurra
Circuit, Prestons
02 9607 0999

**PRICELINE PHARMACY
CASULA MALL**

38/1 Ingham Drive,
Casula
02 9821 1323

**PRICELINE PHARMACY
GREEN VALLEY**

The Valley Plaza 2,
189 Wilson Road,
Green Valley
02 9825 0600

**PRICELINE PHARMACY
LIVERPOOL**

Shop 1014
Westfield Liverpool,
Macquarie Street,
Liverpool
02 9822 8885

**PRICELINE PHARMACY
CARNES HILL**

Carnes Hill Marketplace
B09, Cowpasture Road,
Carnes Hill
02 9608 6622

**SAVE AND DELIVER
COMPOUNDING
CHEMIST**

Liverpool Medical Centre,
Shop 1, 279 Macquarie
Street, Liverpool
02 9821 1942

**WEST HOXTON
PHARMACY**

Fifteenth Avenue,
Austral
02 9606 0150

PUBLIC VENUE DISPOSAL BINS

Disposal bins for needles and syringes are located at the following public venues:

DURRANT OVAL TOILETS

Lawrence Hargrave Drive,
WARWICK FARM

GABO PARK

Gabo Crescent,
SADLEIR

GIBBS PARK

Yalta Road, SADLEIR

LIGHT HORSE PARK

Southern Bigge Street,
LIVERPOOL

PIRIE STREET CAR PARK

Pirie Street,
LIVERPOOL

PIONEER PARK

Campbell Street,
LIVERPOOL

WARWICK FARM RAILWAY STATION (TUNNEL)

Remembrance Avenue,
WARWICK FARM

WARWICK FARM RAILWAY STATION (WALL)

Warwick Street,
WARWICK FARM

WARWICK FARM NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Cnr Lawrence Hargraves
Road and Gallop Street,
WARWICK FARM

RON DARCY BUILDING

62 Cabramatta Avenue,
MILLER



USEFUL CONTACTS

NSW NEEDLE CLEAN UP HOTLINE

is a call centre that takes reports from the public and coordinates the clean-up of dumped needles and syringes in public places anywhere in NSW.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG INFORMATION SERVICE

(ADIS) provides drug and alcohol advice, referrals and information, including NSP locations and services. ADIS has a 24 hour phone line for support, information, advice, crisis counselling and referral to services in NSW.

DIABETES NSW is the peak consumer body for diabetes and the first diabetes organisation in Australia. Their mission is to prevent diabetes and its complications, through education programs, research, advocacy, and the provision of services to people living with or at risk of diabetes throughout New South Wales.

NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME

(NDSS) is an initiative of the Australian Government administered by Diabetes Australia. The NDSS delivers diabetes-related products at subsidised prices and provides information and support services to people with diabetes.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA is a charitable organisation that offers a Clean Up kit free of charge.

Phone: 1800 633 353

**Phone: (02) 9361 8000
(Sydney) or free call:
1800 422 599
(For NSW regional
and rural callers)**

**Phone: 1300 DIABETES
(1300 342 238)**

Phone: 1800 637 700

You can request a Clean Up kit by emailing cleanup@cleanup.com.au or phoning 02 8197 3400



For further information

www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/besharpsafe



Visit Us

Customer Service Centre
Shop R1, 33 Moore Street, Liverpool, NSW 2170
Open Monday - Friday, 9am - 4.30pm



Phone

1300 36 2170
Calling from interstate: (02) 8711 7000
National Relay Service (NRS): 133 677
(for hearing and speech impaired customers)



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