



Medical Sharps

In an effort to protect individuals and the environment, Carmel Utilities Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center is collecting medical sharps (needles) from customers who generate this material when administering home medications.

Working in conjunction with Carmel St. Vincent Hospital, sharps collection containers are available at the Collection Center at no cost to our Utility residential customers. Once the sharps containers are filled, they can be brought back to the Collection Center from proper disposal.

History of Sharps Program:

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard announced in 1999 that the City added the capability for disposal of "medical sharps" including lancets, hypodermic needles and syringes to its successful Household Hazardous Waste disposal program. The addition of the Medical Sharps Program will give Carmel residents and/or customers of the Carmel Water-Wastewater Utility a safe place to dispose of needles and other sharp objects used for daily health care needs.

Carmel residents who want to participate in the program may pick up a free medical sharps waste container at the Household Hazardous Waste site. When the container is full, they simply return the container to the site and pick up another one.

St. Vincent's Hospital donated 240 containers specifically designed for the safe disposal of medical sharps. When those containers are all distributed, St. Vincent's will provide the City with containers at St. Vincent's cost. Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) has agreed to pick up and dispose of the medical sharps at the same rate offered local hospitals. "We were very pleased to be the first to offer Carmel citizens and Carmel Utilities' customers a safe, convenient way to get rid of household hazardous waste and this is a great addition to our current program," said Mayor Jim Brainard.

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