**Alternative Disposal Options**

- Some county-operated household hazardous waste facilities accept sharps from their residents. Check with your local HHW to determine if they will accept sharps.
- Some county health departments accept sharps from residents, schools, small businesses, etc. Check locally to determine the availability of such services.
- Local pharmacies, hospitals, and other medical facilities do not generally allow public drop-off of sharps for disposal.

**General Guidelines**

- Do not throw loose needles in the trash
- Do not flush any medical sharps down the toilet
- Do not mix any medical sharps with recyclable material

These guidelines are applicable to sharps generated in some *agricultural* settings that may not be subject to state medical waste regulations.

For more information, contact the Bureau of Waste Management 785-296-1600 or kdhe.bwmweb@ks.gov

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Guidelines for the Safe Disposal of Medical Sharps

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(INCLUDING SOURCE-SEPARATED MATERIAL AND SINGLE STREAM MATERIAL)

The improper disposal of medical sharps may present serious safety and public health risks, especially to solid waste and recycling workers. Any person who is accidentally stuck should undergo medical testing due to concerns about exposure to harmful or deadly diseases such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV. Under Kansas law, if you use medical sharps such as needles, syringes, and lancets at home or in certain other settings, you may dispose of such items with other trash but only in accordance with the precautions provided in this publication.

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