

# Sharps Collection Locations

## Leon County Health Department

2965 Municipal Way

Tallahassee, FL 32304

(850) 606-8225

## Robert and Stevens Medical Center

1515 Old Bainbridge Road

Tallahassee, FL 32303

(850) 606-8000



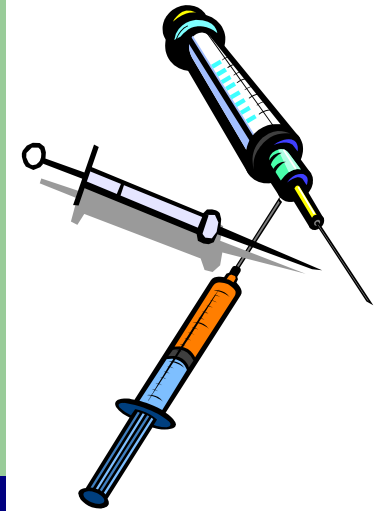
Leon County residents may bring in their full, used container for a free, empty one for proper disposal of all sharps.



Public Works Department  
Solid Waste Management Facility  
7550 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311

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# Sharps Disposal in Leon County



*Leon County Solid  
Waste Management*

*Recycling and  
Education*



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## Why are used needles dangerous?



Used needles and lancets are dangerous because they can:

- Injure people
- Spread germs
- Spread diseases such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, tetanus and syphilis.

ALL needles should be treated as if they carry a disease. That means if someone gets stuck with a needle, they have to get expensive medical tests and worry about whether they have caught a harmful or deadly disease. Be sure to get rid of your used needles the safe way to avoid exposing other people to harm.



Leon County Health Department on Municipal Way.

### New Regulations

Washington, D.C., (December 16, 2004) - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued new recommendations on disposal of used syringes generated at-home, a move that may ultimately change the way the Americans dispose of used syringes. The new recommendations no longer suggest residents throw their used needles in the garbage, but encourage disposal of their used needles through other means; such as, community drop-off programs, household hazardous waste (HHW) facilities, sharps mailback programs or at-home needle destruction devices.



Robert and Stevens Medical Center on Old Bainbridge Road.

### Leon County

Here in Leon County, we have two health department facilities which will

collect sharps in an approved container and even give you an empty container, free of charge. Please see the back of this brochure for the two locations. Leon County's HHW facility does NOT collect sharps for disposal.

### Mailback Containers

Waste Management, Inc. offers residents a mail-back container for a fee. The fee includes the container, postage and disposal fee. You can find out more by visiting their website: [www.wastemd.com](http://www.wastemd.com) or by calling (850) 574-3000.

## DON'T

- Throw loose needles in the garbage
- Flush used needles down the toilet
- Put needles in recycling containers

## DO

- Use an approved sharps disposal container
- Keep container out of the reach of small children
- Take it to the Health Department for proper disposal.



An approved sharps container.