



Sustainability in Action

Safe Sharps Disposal

Carlsbad residents — proper sharps disposal helps **protect sanitation workers, your family and the environment.**

Sharps are medical items that can **puncture or cut skin and may carry germs or medications.**



What Is a Sharp?

- ✓ Needles
- ✓ Syringes with needles
- ✓ Lancets (used for blood sugar testing)
- ✓ Insulin pen needles

These items must be placed in a rigid sharps container before disposal.



What Is Not Accepted

ONLY properly contained sharps are accepted.

- ✗ Auto-injectors
(example: EpiPen/Ozempic type devices)
- ✗ Medications or liquids
- ✗ IV bags or tubing
- ✗ Glass containers
- ✗ Loose needles or sharps



Prescription Medications

The Carlsbad Police and Fire Headquarters at 2560 Orion Way accepts prescription medications in the drop box Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FREE SHARPS DROP-OFF LOCATION

Residents may bring sharps to:
Palomar Transfer Station & Recycling
Buy Back Center

Hours:

Monday – Saturday
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Free for Carlsbad residents.

ADDITIONAL DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Household Hazardous Waste
Drop-Off:

1145 E. Taylor St., Vista, CA 92084

Hours:

Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free with proof of residency.

800.714.1195

DOOR-TO-DOOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PICKUP

800.714.1195

\$10 service fee

Free for households with a resident
age 65 or older.

Safety Is the Point

Safe Kiosk Sharps Disposal for Carlsbad Residents



Kiosk rules to remember:

-  ✗ No loose sharps
-  ✗ No sharps in plastic bags
-  ✗ Not for medications

How to prepare sharps for drop-off

Place sharps in a rigid container with a secure lid.

The sharps container must be FDA-approved. Examples include a thick plastic detergent bottle, a coffee container with a tight lid or a plastic milk jug.

Safety Tips

- ✓ Place sharps in the container immediately after use.
- ✓ Do not overfill containers (close them when they're about $\frac{3}{4}$ full).
- ✓ Keep containers away from children and pets.



Why Safe Sharps Disposal Matters

Improperly discarded sharps can injure recycling and waste workers, spread infections and harm the environment.

Protect workers, your family and our community.

