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## Proper Disposal of Used Needles

Pinellas residents who need to dispose of used needles can safely drop off “sharps” at hospitals throughout the county.

“Sharps” are medical items having the potential to puncture or lacerate. These include syringes with attached needles and disposable lancets used by diabetics and patients with other medical conditions.

For safe handling, sharps should never be disposed of in the trash, in solid-waste containers or in landfills because of the risk of injury and contamination. Never snap off the needles or attempt to recap them. Use an approved container to store your sharps or, as a substitute, store sharps in a coffee can or liquid detergent container that seals securely. When your container is full, permanently close off the top and take it to one of the approved sites listed below. (The list is also at [http://www.pinellashealth.com/EH\\_BiomedicalWaste.asp](http://www.pinellashealth.com/EH_BiomedicalWaste.asp).)

You may be asked to furnish proof that you require the use of syringes at the exchange site and improperly sealed containers may be rejected. Please call before dropping off sharps at these sites.

*Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital*  
1395 S Pinellas Avenue  
Tarpon Springs  
(727) 942-5000 x2870  
Ask at Emergency Room, hours: Sun-Sat 8-4:30

*Morton Plant Mease Health Care Dunedin*  
601 Main Street  
Dunedin  
(727) 734-6141  
Ask at Emergency Room, hours: Mon-Fri 8-4

*Morton Plant Mease Health Care Countryside*  
3231 McMullen Booth Road  
Safety Harbor  
(727) 725-6100  
Ask at Emergency Room, hours: Mon-Fri 8-4

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*Morton Plant Mease Health Care Clearwater*  
323 Jeffords Street  
Clearwater  
(727) 461-8552  
Ask at Emergency Room, hours: Mon-Fri 8-4

*Largo Medical Center*  
201 14th St SW  
Largo  
(727) 588-5200  
Ask at Reception desk, hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-2:30

*Family Care at Walsingham*  
13540 Walsingham Rd  
Largo  
(727) 593-5492  
Ask at Reception Room, hours: Mon-Fri 9-4

*Largo Medical Center-Indian Rocks*  
2025 Indian Rocks Road  
Largo  
(727) 581-9474  
Ask at Emergency Room, hours: Mon-Fri 9-4

*Northside Medical Center*  
6000 49th Street North  
St. Petersburg  
(727) 521-4411  
Ask at information desk, hours: Mon-Fri 9-4

*St. Petersburg Medical Center*  
6500 38th Avenue North  
St. Petersburg  
(727) 384-1414  
Ask at information desk, hours: Mon-Fri 9-5

*St. Anthony's Hospital*  
1200 7th Avenue North  
St. Petersburg  
(727) 825-1272  
Ask at Emergency Room, hours: Mon-Fri 8-4

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*Edward White Hospital*  
2323 9th Avenue North  
St. Petersburg  
(727) 328-6101  
Ask at information desk, hours: Mon-Fri 10-7

*Bayfront Medical Center*  
701 6th Street South  
St. Petersburg  
(727) 893-6155  
Ask at information desk, hours: Mon-Fri 9-3

*Palms of Pasadena Hospital*  
1501 Pasadena Avenue South  
St. Petersburg  
(727) 381-1000 x7657  
Ask at information desk, hours: Mon-Fri 9-3

*All Children's Hospital*  
801 6th Street South  
St. Petersburg  
(727) 767-4720  
Ask at Emergency Room, hours: Sun-Sat 8-5

The program is a cooperative effort between the Florida Department of Health, the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners, the American Diabetes Association and area hospitals. For information about the Pinellas County Health Department, go to [www.PinellasHealth.com](http://www.PinellasHealth.com).

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