

# How Does the Program Work?

The Bay Area Sharps Disposal Program is made possible by the participation of the disposal sites listed in this brochure. Each of these disposal sites has volunteered to provide this service to the community, **free of any cost to you**. But it is your cooperation that is essential to the success of this program. In order to make the program run smoothly, it is important that you adhere to following guidelines:

- Attempt to use the disposal site only during the hours listed in the insert.
- Do not bring sharps to the disposal sites in anything other than the approved sharps containers provided by the site.
- Always make sure your container is properly sealed. The disposal site has the right to refuse any improperly packaged containers in order to protect the safety of their employees.
- When disposing of your filled sharps containers, always give the container to authorized personnel. Never leave the container unattended.
- Never dispose of a sharps container in your household waste!
- Remember, the disposal sites have voluntarily accepted the burden and cost of disposing this potentially harmful waste. Encourage their continued support by participating responsibly.

## PLEASE NOTE

**THIS PROGRAM IS BEING PROVIDED FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR ONLY.**

**All professionals and businesses are regulated under state and federal biomedical waste laws and may not participate.**

- Visit one of the disposal sites listed in this brochure during the indicated hours.
- Ask for a sharps container and instructions on its use.
- Take the container home. Keep it out of reach of children.
- Dispose of your used syringes completely intact into the sharps container.
- When the container is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  full, permanently close the top following the simple directions on the container.
- Once closed, return the filled sharps container to any one of the participating disposal sites for proper disposal.
- Obtain a new sharps container! FREE!

## *Disposal Sites*

1. Brandon Regional Medical Center  
119 Oakfield Dr  
Brandon 33511  
Pre-Admission Testing  
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
Monday – Friday (except Holidays)
2. Memorial Hospital of Tampa  
2901 Swann Av  
Tampa 33609  
Main Laboratory  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Monday – Friday (except Holidays)
3. Moffit Cancer Center  
Service Discontinued
4. St. Joseph's Hospital  
3001 W Martin Luther King Blvd  
Tampa 33607  
Habana Security Station #3  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
Monday – Friday
5. Shriner's Hospital for Children  
12502 N Pine Dr  
Tampa 33612-9499  
Receiving Dock  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Monday – Friday
6. South Bay Hospital  
4016 State Road 674  
Sun City Center 33573  
Materials Management Dept  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Monday – Friday

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## ***Disposal Sites (cont.)***

7. **Veteran's Administration**  
For Veterans Only – please contact VA nursing staff.
8. **South Florida Baptist Hospital**  
301 N Alexander St  
Plant City 33564  
Receiving Dept  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
Monday – Friday
9. **Tampa General Hospital**  
Davis Island, Room D-107  
Tampa 33606  
Central Processing  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
7 Days A Week
10. **Town & Country Hospital**  
6001 Webb Rd  
Tampa 33615  
Hospital Switchboard - Lobby  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Monday – Friday
11. **University Community Hospital**  
3100 E Fletcher Av  
Tampa 33613  
Patient Service Center  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Monday – Friday
12. **University Community Hospital**  
Carrollwood Campus  
7171 N Dale Mabry Hwy  
Tampa 33614  
One-Day Surgery Main Entrance  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Monday – Friday

## ***About the Program***

The Bay Area Sharps Disposal Program was designed as a community service to assist the residents of Hillsborough County with a safe and environmentally sound method for disposing of used needles or "sharps".

The improper disposal of sharps threatens the safety of every member of the community, as they may be contaminated with hepatitis, HIV, and/or other serious diseases. The risk of injury or harm is very real and very frightening.

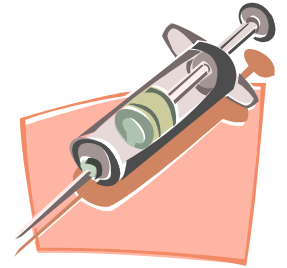
If you have a medical condition that requires the use of injected medications, please make the extra effort to participate in this free program. While helping prevent accidental needle sticks in our community, you may also be protecting yourself from liability.

## ***Special Thanks***

***The Department of Health  
Hillsborough County Health  
Department acknowledges the sincere  
efforts expended by the participating  
disposal sites. We applaud your  
commitment to this community and  
respect the special responsibility you  
have accepted to protect the citizens  
and environment of Hillsborough  
County.***



## **How Should I Dispose of Used Needles and Syringes?**



**The Bay Area  
Sharps Disposal Program**  
For Residential Use Only



This program is coordinated by:  
**Hillsborough County Health Department**  
Environmental Health Services  
Biomedical Waste Program  
(813) 307-8059