

LIVERPOOL
CITY
COUNCIL

A GUIDE TO THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF

COMMUNITY SHARPS



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WHAT ARE COMMUNITY SHARPS?

Many members of our community rely on using community sharps to maintain their own health or that of a family member.

Community sharps are sharps that have been generated by personal use and include:

- Needles;
- Syringes;
- Lancets; and/or
- Similar equipment used outside medical services, such as in homes.

Benefits of safe sharps disposal

Safely disposing of community sharps benefits everyone through:

- Reducing risk of injury to the community;
- Supporting health and safety of our cleansing staff; and
- Keeping our environment waste-free and clean.

Know the standard

Disposal of community sharps using a sharps containers that conforms to the Australian Standard is the recommended practice for generators of community sharps.

If a container other than an Australian Standard sharps container is used to store and dispose of community sharps it should be a puncture resistant plastic container with a screw top.



The Australian Standard applying to personal use containers is AS 4939-2001: Non-reusable personal use containers for the collection and disposal of hypodermic needles and syringes.

DISPOSAL OF COMMUNITY SHARPS

THE "DO'S AND DON'TS"

Community sharps should be kept secure and separate from your household waste and recycling at all times due to the high risk of needlestick injury to workers.

In the home

DO

- ✓ Place community sharps in an Australian Standard sharps container or other puncture-proof container
- ✓ Keep the sharps container out of reach of children
- ✓ Seal the lid of the sharps container when full and dispose at a community sharps collection facility



DO NOT

- ✗ Dispose of community sharps in your household waste or recycling bins
- ✗ Flush community sharps down toilets or drains

Away from home

DO

- ✓ Place community sharps in an Australian Standard sharps container or other puncture-proof container
- ✓ Dispose of community sharps in a designated sharps bin located at various community facilities throughout the Liverpool Local Government Area
- ✓ If you find sharps in a public place, please report this as soon as possible to Liverpool City Council's Customer Service Team on **1300 36 2170**

DO NOT

- ✗ Dispose community sharps in any public litter bin
- ✗ Flush community sharps down public toilets or drains
- ✗ Leave sharps on the ground

PHARMACIES INVOLVED IN THE **FREE COMMUNITY SHARPS DISPOSAL PROGRAM**

For free and safe disposal of community sharps, take your sharps in a sealed puncture resistant container (not glass) to one of the following local pharmacies.

The pharmacies below will supply 1.4L sharps containers and take them back for disposal when full, free of charge.



**AUSTRAL PHARMACIST
ADVICE**

Cnr Edmondson and
Tenth Avenues, Austral
02 9606 9091

**HAMMONDVILLE
DISCOUNT PHARMACY**

44 Walder Road,
Hammondville
02 9825 3638

**BLACK & WHITE
PHARMACY**

337 Hume Highway,
Liverpool
02 9602 3145

**HOXTON PARK
PHARMACY**

Shop 14/600A, Hoxton
Park Road, Hoxton Park
02 9825 8444

**BLOOMS THE CHEMIST
SHOP**

Shop 46-48 Miller Central,
90 Cartwright Avenue,
Miller
02 9607 7204

**LIVERPOOL DISCOUNT
DRUG STORE**

Liverpool Plaza, Shop 2,
165-191 Macquarie Street,
Liverpool
02 8798 5588

**CASULA CENTRE
PHARMACY**

Shop 3/509 Hume
Highway, Casula
02 9601 6106

**MEDIADVICE
BRINGELLY PHARMACY**

Shop 4, 21 The Northern
Road, Bringelly
02 4774 8161

**ELIZABETH DRIVE
PHARMACY**

130 Elizabeth Drive,
Liverpool
02 9602 7324

**MEDIADVICE
PHARMACY LURNEA**

63 Hill Road, Lurnea
02 9607 2114



MOOREBANK DAY & NIGHT PHARMACY

21/42 Stockton Avenue,
Moorebank
02 9602 4476

AMCAL MOOREBANK PHARMACY

1/42 Stockton Avenue,
Moorebank
02 9602 3255

MURRAY'S PHARMACY

238 Macquarie Street,
Liverpool
02 9601 4884

PENNA'S PHARMACY

72-78 Hoxton Park Road,
Liverpool
02 9602 7790

**PENNA'S PHARMACY
CECIL HILLS**

Shop 10, Cecil Hills
Shopping Village, Cnr
Feodore Drive and
Lancaster Avenue,
Cecil Hills
02 9823 6999

**PENNA'S PHARMACY
GREEN VALLEY**

Green Valley Village
Shopping Centre,
174 Green Valley Road,
Green Valley
02 9607 7920

**PENNA'S PHARMACY
PRESTONS**

Prestons Shopping
Centre, 57 Minnamurra
Circuit, Prestons
02 9607 0999

**PRICELINE PHARMACY
CASULA MALL**

38/1 Ingham Drive,
Casula
02 9821 1323

**PRICELINE PHARMACY
GREEN VALLEY**

The Valley Plaza 2,
189 Wilson Road,
Green Valley
02 9825 0600

**PRICELINE PHARMACY
LIVERPOOL**

Shop 1014
Westfield Liverpool,
Macquarie Street,
Liverpool
02 9822 8885

**PRICELINE PHARMACY
CARNES HILL**

Carnes Hill Marketplace
B09, Cowpasture Road,
Carnes Hill
02 9608 6622

**SAVE AND DELIVER
COMPOUNDING
CHEMIST**

Liverpool Medical Centre,
Shop 1, 279 Macquarie
Street, Liverpool
02 9821 1942

**WEST HOXTON
PHARMACY**

Fifteenth Avenue,
Austral
02 9606 0150

COMMUNITY SHARPS PUBLIC VENUE DISPOSAL BINS

Disposal bins for community sharps are located at the following public venues:

**DURRANT OVAL
TOILETS**

Lawrence Hargrave Drive,
WARWICK FARM

GABO PARK

Gabo Crescent,
SADLEIR

GIBBS PARK

Yalta Road, SADLEIR

LIGHT HORSE PARK

Southern Bigge Street,
LIVERPOOL

PIRIE STREET CAR PARK

Pirie Street,
LIVERPOOL

PIONEER PARK

Campbell Street,
LIVERPOOL

**WARWICK FARM
RAILWAY STATION
(TUNNEL)**

Remembrance Avenue,
WARWICK FARM

**WARWICK FARM
RAILWAY STATION
(WALL)**

Warwick Street,
WARWICK FARM

**WARWICK FARM
NEIGHBOURHOOD
CENTRE**

Cnr Lawrence Hargraves
Road and Gallop Street,
WARWICK FARM

RON DARCY BUILDING

62 Cabramatta Avenue,
MILLER

Disposal bins for community sharps are also located at all public hospitals and community health centres.

Businesses that do skin penetration procedures such as tattooing, acupuncture, waxing or piercing must dispose of their clinical sharps waste through licensed waste contractors. Sharps from businesses are not community sharps, and cannot be disposed of through the Council service. All sharps disposal costs must be met by the business.



USEFUL CONTACTS

ALCOHOL AND DRUG INFORMATION SERVICE (ADIS)

provides drug and alcohol advice, referrals and information, including NSP locations and services. ADIS has a 24-hour phone line for support, information, advice, crisis counselling and referral to services in NSW.

Phone: **(02) 9361 8000** or **1800 422 599** (Free for NSW regional and rural callers)
yourroom.health.nsw.gov.au/getting-help

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA is a charitable organisation that offers a Clean Up Kit free of charge. You can request a Community Sharps Clean Up Kit by emailing **cleanup@cleanup.com.au** or phone **(02) 8197 3400**

DIABETES NSW is the peak consumer body for diabetes and the first diabetes organisation in Australia. Publishes community sharps safe disposal resources in English and community languages.
Phone: **1300 DIABETES (1300 342 238)**
diabetesnsw.com.au/diabetes-resources/sharp-disposal

LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SHARPS

Phone: **1300 36 2170**
www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/besharpsafe

NSW HEALTH COMMUNITY SHARPS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Community Sharps Management Program provides valuable information, resources, policies and guidelines.

Phone: **(02) 9391 9000**
www.health.nsw.gov.au/csm

SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT

All public hospitals and community health centres provide community sharps disposal bins.

www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au



For further information

www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/besharpsafe



Visit Us

Customer Service Centre
Shop R1, 33 Moore Street, Liverpool, NSW 2170
Open Monday - Friday, 9am - 4.30pm



Phone

1300 36 2170
Calling from interstate: (02) 8711 7000
National Relay Service (NRS): 133 677
(for hearing and speech impaired customers)



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