

MEDICATION AND SHARPS DISPOSAL



*California law prohibits the disposal of home-generated sharps waste in trash or recycling containers. All sharps waste must be disposed of safely. The Orange County Fire Authority is NOT a medication or sharps drop off location. Please **do not** bring your medication or sharps to one of our fire stations.*



Needles and syringes need to be disposed of safely after use. They cannot legally be thrown in the garbage or recycling.



**Orange County
Fire Authority**

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Sharps

Orange County's four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers accept sharps for disposal if they are in appropriate containers:

- Heavy-duty, puncture-resistant containers with a tight-fitting lid.
- Examples include empty plastic bottles, such as those for detergent, liquid fabric softener, or bleach.
- Locations
 - Irvine: 6411 Oak Canyon
 - San Juan Capistrano: 32250 Avenida La Pata
 - Anaheim: 1071 N. Blue Gum Street
 - Huntington Beach: 17121 Nichols Street
- Check **safeneedledisposal.org** for additional medical sharps disposal locations.
- CalRecycle offers free sharps mail-back packages that are shipped directly to your residence. Call **844-482-5322** or go to **sharpstakebackcalifornia.org** to request one.

Medication

- To locate a medication drop box near you, visit **oclandfills.com**
- Keep track of any missing and quickly used medications.
- Lock up medications to reduce access.
- Destroy expired or unused medication by following these steps:
 - When disposing containers, use a marker to cover all personal information.
 - Pour unwanted or expired medications into a zip bag.
 - Pour hot water (over 100 degrees) into the bag.
 - Insert kitty litter into the bag, seal it, and place in trash.

