Used Sharps Depository Program is available at each Broward County Health Department pharmacy.

Sharps are defined as items having the potential to puncture or lacerate and include objects such as syringes with attached needles and lancets that are used when checking blood sugar. There are many people in the community using insulin, plus seasonal visitors and those with medical conditions requiring the use of injected medication (i.e.: allergies). Medical waste that is produced by private residences is unregulated and, if not disposed of properly, can: clog sewage lift stations; end up in recycling centers among plastic and other items; present a risk of infection to waste collection and landfill workers.

What can you do?

Participate in the used Sharps Depository Program. This program is voluntary and all residents and visitors are encouraged to participate. The program is sponsored by the Broward County Health Department in cooperation with Broward County Solid Waste Management, and many participating retail pharmacies throughout the community. It has been endorsed by the American Diabetes Association.

Please note that this program is for private citizens only. All business and medical professionals are regulated under state and federal biohazardous waste laws and may not participate in this program.

How does the program work?

1. Visit one of the Broward County Health Department Clinics or any participating retail pharmacy. You may find a list of participating retail pharmacies on the Environmental Health page on the Broward County Health Department Website www.BrowardCHD.org
2. Ask for an approved sharps container (there is no charge at the Broward County Health Department).
3. Place the used sharp item, intact, into the puncture proof container. Store the container out of the reach of children or pets.
4. When the container is 3/4 filled, snap the lip to permanently seal the container. Do not overfill the container.
5. Return the locked/sealed container to any Broward County Health Department pharmacy (or participating retail pharmacy), and give it to authorized personnel. Do not leave the container unattended.

You may pickup sharps containers and dispose of filled containers at:
Fort Lauderdale Health Center, 2421 SW 6th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315 South Regional Health Center, 4105 Pembroke Road, Hollywood, FL 33021
Paul Hughes Health Center, 205 NW 6th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL 33060