



SAFE DISPOSAL OF SHARPS **NEEDLES, SYRINGES & LANCETS**

Beginning September 1, 2008 home generated medical sharps can no longer be thrown in the trash because of State Law #118286.

“Sharps” is the term used to describe any item that is capable of puncturing the skin such as needles, carpules, lancets, suture needles, endo files, etc. Medical sharps are used in many homes to administer medications, such as allergy shots and insulin and to monitor physical states such as blood sugar levels. **El Segundo residents can dispose of their used Sharps by placing them in an approved Sharps container, a metal coffee can or a rigid plastic laundry detergent container taped shut and marked “CONTAINS SHARPS”.** The container should be puncture-resistant and leak proof.

- Keep your container out of reach of small children and pets!
- **NEVER** flush your syringes or medications down the toilet!
- Don't fill your container to the top! Allow two to three inches in-between the syringes or lancets and the top of the container.
- Put a lid on it! After you use a syringe or lancet, put it directly into your container, with a tight cap or lid.
- **NEVER** put the sealed container into your household trash, recycling bin, or Green Waste bin!

Deliver **sealed container labeled “SHARPS”** to any of the following locations:

HYPERION TREATMENT PLANT S.A.F.E. COLLECTION CENTER

7660 West Imperial Highway, Gate B, Playa Del Rey, CA **1-800-988-6942**

Hours of Operation: Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

S.A.F.E. COLLECTION CENTER

1400 N. Gaffey St., San Pedro, CA **1-800-988-6942**

Hours of Operation: Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at **(310) 524-2359**