

# SHARPS DISPOSAL

## WASHOE COUNTY

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### **WASTE MANAGEMENT DROP-OFF CENTER**

[wm.com](http://wm.com) | (775) 326 - 2409

1390 E Commercial Row

Reno, NV 89512

(775) 326-2409

Washoe County residents can dispose of sharps (lancets, syringes, needles) at Waste Management, Monday - Friday 7:00am-3:30pm, free of charge, no questions asked. Any business can dispose of sharps containers at Waste Management for a fee.

Used sharps must be placed in a puncture-resistant, screw top container (detergent or bleach bottle). The puncture-resistant container must be closed and sealed with strong tape. The container should be labeled "contains sharps."

### **NORTHERN NEVADA HOPES**

CHANGE POINT HARM REDUCTION CENTER

[nnhopes.org](http://nnhopes.org) | (775) 997-7519

445 Ralston Street

Reno, NV 89503

CHANGE POINT is Nevada's first legal Syringe Services Program. CHANGE POINT offers free drop-off and pick-up of used sharps for any registered Syringe Services Program participant.

If you find a loose syringe in the community, call Northern Nevada HOPES at (775) 997-7519.



**CHANGE POINT**  
HARM REDUCTION CENTER

- FREE HIV TESTING
- HEPATITIS C TESTING
- SYRINGE SERVICES
- SAFER SEX KITS
- OVERDOSE EDUCATION

**WASHOE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT**  
RESIDENTIAL SHARPS COLLECTION PROGRAM  
[healthweb@washoecounty.us](mailto:healthweb@washoecounty.us) | (775) 328-2434

Washoe County residents can contact the WCHD for free sharps containers to dispose of used sharps. To use this program, one must have an established residence and mobility issues.

**JOIN TOGETHER NORTHERN NEVADA  
(JTNN)**

[jtnn.org](http://jtnn.org) | (775) 324-7557  
505 S. Arlington Ave, Suite 110  
Reno, NV 89509

Ask about our semi-annual syringe and prescription pill round-up, where volunteers and community members visit various sites across town collecting used sharps and prescription pills for safe disposal.

**NORTHERN NEVADA OUTREACH TEAM  
(NNOT)**

[nnot.org](http://nnot.org) | (775) 328-6147

NNOT does street outreach in the community and can provide loose syringe pickup upon request. Please call for more information.

**WHY IS SHARPS DISPOSAL IMPORTANT?**

Safely disposing of used sharps can prevent the spread of infectious diseases like HIV and hepatitis. Never place loose sharps in any place other than a designated sharps disposal area. Improper disposal puts public health workers and your community at risk. If you are accidentally stuck by another person's used sharp: disinfect the area promptly and seek immediate medical attention. Follow-up testing for HIV and hepatitis is recommended.



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- CHRONIC DISEASE CARE
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