

USING SHARPS SAFELY

- Do not place sharps boxes on the floor or anywhere that children, people with confusion or pets might be placed at risk of infection or serious injury.
- Keep all your needles, lancets and glucose monitoring equipment clean, bloodstain free and out of reach of children at all times.
- Never share syringes, finger pricking devices, lancets or insulin pen devices.

**NEVER
dispose
of sharps in
household
waste**

**For more information
and to register for the
sharps collection service
please contact:**

- Kennet District Council
Environment & Leisure Directorate
Kennet House
Hopton Park
Devizes
Wiltshire SN10 2ET

Email: kennet@kennet.gov.uk

Tel: **01380 724911** Mon - Fri 8.30am to 5pm

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Collection Service for Domestic Sharps



Helpline: **01380 724911**

How should I dispose of sharps?

The safest way to dispose of sharps is to put them in a sharps box. This will then be collected from you as part of our new specialist collection service.

How do I dispose of the filled sharps box?

If your GP surgery or pharmacy can no longer accept your full sharps box, you can register for a new free collection service operated by Kennet District Council. This service will cover the whole of Wiltshire, excluding Swindon.



Do I have to register for the new collection service?

Yes. You must register for the collection of your sharps box by phoning **01380 724911** or by emailing **kennet@kennet.gov.uk**. More information, advice and help is also available on this helpline number and on the website **www.kennet.gov.uk**

How do I get a sharps box?

You will need to get a prescription from your GP, and collect the box from your local pharmacist. These one litre bins allow for the safe disposal of your sharps. You should request two boxes to allow for a spare.



What can I put in my sharps box?

All used needles, lancets, syringes or empty insulin cartridges must be disposed of in your sharps box. Disposable pens can be disposed of in domestic waste as long as the needle has been removed and disposed of in your sharps box. Anyone using an insulin pump should dispose of the infusion set which includes the needle into the sharps box.

How do I use my sharps box safely?

It is really important that the sharps box is never overfilled. Please observe the manufacturers guidelines on the box, and fill only to the mark indicated.