



## **DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES AND OTHER MEDICAL SHARPS**

Proper disposal of used needles and lancets is very important and critical to the safety of our employees. Hasty disposal can result in injury or contamination of our employees. To dispose of used needles or lancets place them in a rigid water bottle or a rigid detergent bottle with a tight fitting lid. Once they are secured with the tight fitting cap you can simply place them in your regular trash for collection. **AT NO TIME SHOULD YOU EVER PLACE CONTAINERS WITH MEDICAL WASTE OR NEEDLES IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN. THIS CAN CAUSE NEEDLE STICKS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER AND INJURE OUR EMPLOYEES.**

You can also use medical waste needle disposal containers available at most local pharmacies such as Walgreen's, CVS Pharmacy and Sav-on Drugs.

You can also order sharps disposal containers on line at [www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com) (go to search and enter needle disposal) or at [www.sharpsdisposal.com](http://www.sharpsdisposal.com).

Republic Services offers drop off centers for needle disposal. Needles must be in a rigid container with a tight fitting cap. We offer drop off disposal at our Recycling Center, 333 W. Gowan, North Las Vegas and our Henderson Transfer Station, 650 Capehorn, Henderson on alternating weeks. Please click [here](#) for a calendar of the weeks each site is open and the days and operating hours.

## **DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS**

Disposing of unused or expired medications is also allowed because landfills are now able to handle these materials safely. This will

insure that the medications do not end up in waterways and are not abused by individuals.

- Pour medication into a sealable plastic bag. If the medication is solid such as a pill or liquid capsule add water to dissolve it.
- Add kitty litter, sawdust, coffee grounds or any other material the will mix with the medication in the plastic bag and make it less appealing for pets or children to eat it.
- Seal the plastic bag and put it in the trash.
- Remove and destroy all personal identifying information such as the prescription label from all medication containers before throwing them in the trash.