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Sharps Disposal

On July 1 2012, a statewide ban on the disposal of needles, syringes and lancets (collectively referred to as sharps) in household trash took effect. The Upton BOH recognizing the need for convenient access to safe disposal methods for residents, applied for and received startup funding from the MA Dept. of Public Health for the BOH to accept sharps at the office. Sharps can be brought to our office located on the ground floor of the town hall, free of charge during normal business hours, but must be in sturdy plastic sealed containers (preferably a red designated sharps container). Residents can now also bring their sharps to the lobby of the Upton Senior Center and place them in the red kiosk provided by the Upton BOH through a grant from the MA Dept of Public Health. Both kiosk contents and sharps brought to the office will be disposed of properly by the BOH and a vendor licensed to handle sharps disposal to its endpoint. Sharps in proper containers can also be brought to the hazardous waste day held by the BOH at the DPW once a year in late spring.

More information and more sharp collection sites can be found at the Mass. Dept. of Public Health:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/environmental/sanitation/medical-waste/needles-syringes-disposal.pdf>