

Beginning July 19, 2021

## Riverside Medical Center

is implementing Stericycle's Sharps Management Service utilizing reusable sharps containers.

Sharps are any objects that are contaminated or have the potential to be contaminated with an infectious substance and are capable of penetrating skin or packaging materials.



## DISPOSAL PROTOCOL

### ONLY DISPOSE OF:

- Needles
- Syringes
- Scalpels
- Broken glass
- Broken capillary tubes
- Broken rigid plastic
- Lancets
- Needle counters

### DO NOT DISPOSE OF:

- Chemotherapeutic products
- Tape
- Paper
- Bandages/gauze
- Exam gloves
- Alcohol preps
- Liquids
- Batteries
- Hazardous waste
- Pharmaceutical waste

Any questions or service requests should be directed to:

EVS at x30353

### Reasons for the change to Sharps Management Service:

- Safety of our Clinical and Non-Clinical Staff
- Environmental Benefits
- Financial Value

### Installation Process:

- A team of Installation Specialists will remove all existing sharps containers
- Reusable containers and cabinets will be installed, as appropriate at the NIOSH recommended height

### Sharps Management Service:

- Your professional trained Service Specialist will regularly exchange the sharps containers, to avoid overfilling
- Replacement containers are disinfected and are proactively exchanged