

UC Irvine

Environmental Health & Safety

Personal Sharps Waste Disposal

There are a number of local disposal options available for individuals to dispose of their personal (non-UC Irvine) sharps waste.

Drop-Off Locations

Disposal sites can be found on the [CalRecycle Sharps Waste Disposal](#) website.

To search for nearby pharmacies that accept personal sharps waste, visit:

https://search.earth911.com/?what=Medical+Sharps&where=92697&list_filter=all&max_distance=25&family_id=&latitude=&longitude=&country=&province=&city=&sponsor=

You can also check with your doctor's office or hospital to see if they collect and dispose of personal sharps waste.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers

Orange County residents can dispose of their Household Hazardous Waste items, including personal sharps waste, for free at any of the County's four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers. For more information visit the [OC Waste and Recycling website](#).

Mail Back Programs

To assist patients with managing and disposing of personal sharps waste, many pharmaceutical companies offer free mail-back programs. For more information visit the [Safe Needle Disposal Mail-Back and Container Programs website](#).

