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Riverside expands sharps collection

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Starting Monday, September 24 City of Riverside residents will have more options to safely dispose of sharps (needles). The following fire stations will now accept sharps seven days a week between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Station 1 - Downtown	3420 Mission Inn Ave
Station 2 - Arlington	9449 Andrew St
Station 3 - Magnolia Center	6395 Riverside Ave

Helpful tips for safe disposal:

- Sharps must be in a sharps disposal container or in a hard sided PLASTIC container like a bleach or laundry detergent bottle with a secure lid and be labeled "Biohazard". Containers that hold a food product are not appropriate for use.
- Residents will be directed to the Bio Hazard storage barrel to place their sharps container in the City disposal container.
- Residents will not be allowed to "empty" their container into the barrel. In other words, their container must be placed whole into the barrel.
- Only "sharps" will be permitted to be placed in container. No other Biohazards such as soiled clothing, rags, any type of liquids, etc.
- Resident will complete the Disposal Sharps Log that will be located near the Bio Hazard barrel at each station and will provide date, name, and home address.
- Sharps are not permitted in any standard commercial bins or residential curbside containers.
- Only City of Riverside residents will be allowed to dispose of their sharps at the Fire Station locations.

Riverside residents may also dispose of sharps on any Saturday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Riverside County Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 1780 Agua Mansa Road, Riverside. The expanded drop off program was created in partnership with Riverside Fire Department and Public Works as part of the award winning CURE (Clean Up Riverside's Environment) Program. For more information call (951) 826-5311 or visit www.riversideca.gov/CURE.

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