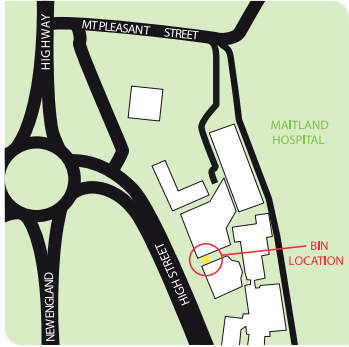


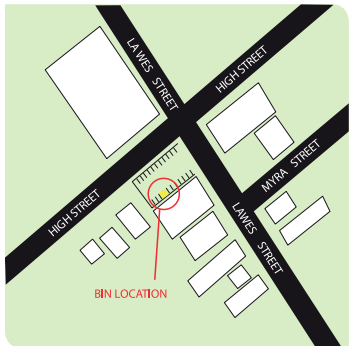
FREE COMMUNITY SHARPS DISPOSAL FACILITIES



MAITLAND HOSPITAL

For the domestic sharps disposal bin located at Maitland Hospital:

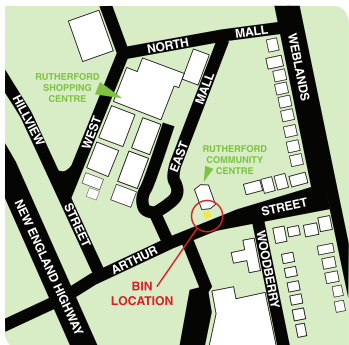
At the High St Main Entrance, to the right of the main entrance foyer (look for the sign on the bin).



LAWES STREET, EAST MAITLAND

For the domestic sharps disposal bin located at Lawes Street, East Maitland:

The yellow collection bin is located in the car park at the side of Neil Anderson Amcal Pharmacy, cnr Lawes and High Streets, East Maitland.



RUTHERFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

For the domestic sharps disposal bin located at Rutherford Community Centre, Arthur St, Rutherford:

A collection bin is located inside the Community Centre and is accessible between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday.



For further information on disposal of community sharps contact:

Maitland City Council
PO Box 220, Maitland NSW 2320

t 02 4934 9700
f 02 4933 3209

info@maitland.nsw.gov.au
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Sharps Safety

A GUIDE TO THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF COMMUNITY SHARPS IN MAITLAND

BE A COMMUNITY SHARPS SAFETY STICKLER WITH ALL USED SYRINGES, NEEDLES AND LANCETS



WHAT ARE COMMUNITY SHARPS?

Many people rely on using needles and syringes to maintain their own health or that of a family member. Injecting equipment is also used by injecting drug users, and for animal healthcare by pet and livestock owners.

Community sharps is the name used to describe needles, syringes, lancets and similar equipment resulting from these activities.

DISPOSAL OF COMMUNITY SHARPS

Community sharps should always be kept secure and separate from other wastes. Because of the high risk of injury to workers and other community members they should **never** be disposed of:

- ✘ In household waste or recycling bins (plastic syringes are not recyclable)
- ✘ In public litter bins
- ✘ By flushing down toilets or drains
- ✘ By discarding into the environment.

USE COMMUNITY SHARPS BINS FOR THE CORRECT DISPOSAL OF YOUR SHARPS

- ✓ Use a yellow sharps container or other similar sized appropriate puncture resistant container (eg heavy duty plastic, not glass)
- ✓ Store the container out of reach of children
- ✓ Seal the lid of the container when 3/4 full and dispose of container at one of the community sharps disposal facilities listed in this brochure.



Maitland community sharps bins are available for use 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Disposal is free of charge.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND INJECTING EQUIPMENT

While the risk of acquiring a serious infection as a result of an accidental injury from a community sharp is extremely low, the anxiety resulting from such an injury can be significant.

IF YOU FIND A SYRINGE IN A PUBLIC PLACE HELP PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY BY CALLING THE:

Needle Clean Up Hotline 1800 633 353
or Maitland City Council on 02 4934 9700