

Guide to Home-Generated Sharps (needles) and Drug Disposal in Alameda County

Thanks to the County ordinances requiring manufacturer funded and operated takeback programs for drugs and sharps (needles) Alameda County has a robust and growing network of local pharmacies, police departments, hospitals and other sites that collect drugs and sharps as well as a free mail back program for sharps.

Drugs:

Convenient self-service kiosks are currently located at 83 sites throughout the county that accept all prescription drugs in any dosage form (pills, liquids, creams, aerosols). Each site has a self-service kiosk near the pharmacy area or, for police departments and hospitals, in the lobby. Prefilled syringes and auto injectors with an integral or attached needle should be handled as a “Sharp”.

Prepare your drugs for disposal before arriving at the kiosk site:

Protect your privacy by removing or obscuring any labels showing your personal information on drug containers or vials. You can pour all your pills into a Zip-lock bag no larger than 1 gallon in size, and recycle the vials and other containers in your home recycling. Liquids and creams should remain in their original containers and tightly closed to prevent leakage. Aerosols should have their protective caps affixed to prevent accidental discharge. Remove inhaler vials from the inhaler mechanism.

At the kiosk:

Take care at the kiosk not to introduce too many materials into the kiosk drop-chute at one time. Check the kiosk chute after closing to ensure the drugs dropped into the kiosk. Federal law prevents anyone from reviewing or examining the drugs you wish to dispose, so place them in the kiosk yourself – do not accept any unsolicited assistance to do so.

Sharps:

Sharps, syringes, needles, auto injectors, prefilled syringes with needle, and lancets should be in a sealed FDA-cleared Sharps container. Sharps containers are available in most drug stores and from mail order & internet e-commerce sources. Kiosks in pharmacies, Hospitals and Police Departments can accept Sharps containers up to 1 gallon in size. Larger sharps containers need to be brought to one of the 4 county Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities. Anyone needing a Sharps container, or disposing a large quantity of Sharps, should contact the HHW facilities 800-606-6606.

Free Mail-back containers:

Mail-back containers mailed directly to your home are available by calling 1-844-633-7765 or visiting <https://med-project.org/locations/alameda/mail-back> to fill out an on-line order form.

Novo Nordisk also has a free Mail-back container service for their customers. Call 1-877-438-0564 or on the web at <https://www.novocare.com/content/novocare/en/psp/safe-needles-program-container.html>

See the list on the next page – All sites take drugs. Sites that say (Sharps Accepted) take sharps in sharps containers up to one gallon in size. The Household Hazardous waste facilities take larger sharps containers and are the solution for residents who have large quantities or do not have sharps containers.

Medication Drop-Off Locations near Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville, Alameda & Piedmont

ALAMEDA

[Alameda Hospital \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

2070 Clinton Avenue
Alameda
Mon-Fri 8am-6pm; Sat-Sun 8am-4pm

[Alameda Police Department](#)

1555 Oak Street (Lobby)
Alameda (open 24-hours a day)

[CVS Pharmacy](#)

885 Island Drive
Alameda 8am-9pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

931 Marina Village Parkway
Alameda 8am-10pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#)

2314 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda 8am-11pm

[Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy #101](#)

2417 Central Avenue
Alameda, Mon-Fri. 8:30am-5:15pm

[Walgreen's Pharmacy](#)

2300 Otis Drive
Alameda (open 24-hours a day)

BERKELEY

[Berkeley Police Department \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

[CVS Pharmacy \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

2655 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 9am-8pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#)

1451 Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley 8am-9pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#)

2300 Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley 9am-8pm daily

[United Pharmacy](#)

2929 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley Mon-Fri 9am-6pm; Sat 9am-2pm

[UC Health Services \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

2222 Bancroft Ave Room 1115
Berkeley Mon-Fri 8:30am-6pm; Sat 9:30am-5pm; Sun 11am-3pm

[Walgreens](#)

2190 Shattuck Ave
Berkeley 9am-7pm

EMERYVILLE

[CVS Pharmacy](#)

4349 San Pablo Avenue
Emeryville 9am-9pm daily

[Emeryville Police Department](#)

2449 Powell Street

Emeryville Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

OAKLAND

[Access Pharmacy \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

2693 Fruitvale Ave.
Oakland, CA
510-530-3156 Mon-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-2pm

[Bay Area Rapid Transit \(BART\) Police Department](#)

101 8th Street
Oakland Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

[CVS Pharmacy](#)

175 41st Street
Oakland 8am-10pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

7200 Bancroft Avenue
Oakland 8am-8pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#)

2964 Broadway
Oakland 8am-9pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#)

3320 Fruitvale Avenue
Oakland, 8am-10pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

4100 Redwood Road
Oakland 9am-7pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

344 Thomas L. Berkeley Way
Oakland, 8:30am-6pm daily

[Highland Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

1411 East 31st Street
Oakland Mon-Sat 8am-6pm

[Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy Fabiola 1 #115](#)

3801 Howe Street 1st Floor
Oakland Mon-Fri 8am-7pm

[Kaiser Permanente Pediatric Pharmacy #118](#)

3505 Broadway
Oakland Mon-Fri 8:30am-1pm; 2-4:30pm

[Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy #102](#)

3701 Broadway, 1st Floor
Oakland
Mon-Fri 8:30am-7:30pm; Sat-Sun 9am-6pm

[Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy #105](#)

3600 Broadway, 1st Floor
Oakland Mon-Fri 8am-8pm; Sat-Sun 9am-6pm

[Native American Health Center \(Sharps collection, ONLY\)](#)

2950 International Blvd.
Oakland, CA 94601
(510) 535- 4400 Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

[New Oakland Pharmacy #1 \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

333 9th Street

Oakland Mon-Fri 9am-1pm; 2-5:30pm

[New Oakland Pharmacy #2 \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

388 9th Street #108
Oakland
Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm; Sat 9:30am-1:30pm

[New Oakland Pharmacy – Lake Merritt \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

250 East 18th Street
Oakland Mon-Fri 9am-1pm; 1:30-5:30pm

[Walgreens](#)

3434 High Street 8am -9PM
Oakland CA 94619

[Rite Aid](#)

1991 Mountain Blvd 8am-10pm M-F 10-6 S-S
Oakland CA 94611

[Wellspring Pharmacy \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

4184C Piedmont Avenue
Oakland Mon-Fri 10am-7pm

PIEDMONT

[Piedmont Police Department \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

403 Highland Avenue
Piedmont (open 24-hours a day)

SAN LEANDRO

[Alameda County Sheriff's Office](#)

15001 Foothill Boulevard
San Leandro Mon-Fri: 7-5pm

[CVS Pharmacy \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

1550 East 14th Street
San Leandro 8am-9pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

14869 East 14th Street
San Leandro 9am-8pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy \(Sharps accepted\)](#)

699 Lewelling Boulevard
San Leandro 8am-10pm daily

[San Leandro Hospital](#)

1401 Washington Avenue
San Leandro Mon-Fri 8am-9pm; Sat-Sun 8:30am-8pm

[Walgreen's Pharmacy](#)

15500 Washington Avenue
San Leandro (open 24-hours a day)

[Rite Aid Pharmacy](#)

1355 MacArthur Blvd Mon-Fri 8am-6pm
San Leandro Sat-Sun 10am-6pm

Sharps Only

Medication Drop-Off Locations near San Leandro/Lorenzo, Hayward, Castro Valley

Household Hazardous Waste Facilities

Oakland HHW facility
2100 E 7th Street Oakland 94606
Wed-Fri 9-2:30 Sat 9-4

CASTRO VALLEY

[CVS Pharmacy](#) **(Sharps accepted)**
3667 Castro Valley Boulevard
Castro Valley 8am-9pm

[Eden Medical Center](#)
20103 Lake Chabot Road Castro Valley
Lobby open 24 hours

[Rite Aid Pharmacy Pharmacy](#)
3848 Castro Valley Blvd Mon-Fri 9am-9pm
Castro Valley, CA Sat-Sun 10am-6pm

HAYWARD

[CVS Pharmacy](#) **(Sharps accepted)**
22501 Foothill Boulevard
Hayward 9am-8pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#) **(Sharps accepted)**
26059 Mission Boulevard
Hayward 8am-9pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#) **(Sharps accepted)**
243 West Jackson Street
Hayward 9am-8pm daily

[Mission Pharmacy](#) **(Sharps accepted)**
22138 Mission Blvd.
Hayward Mon-Fri 9am-1pm; 2-5:30pm

[Teds Drugs](#) **(Sharps accepted)**
27453 Hesperian Boulevard
Hayward Mon-Fri 9:30am-6pm

[Tennyson Pharmacy](#) **(Sharps accepted)**
589 W. Tennyson Road
Hayward Mon-Fri 9am-7pm;

[Rite Aid Pharmacy](#)
31091 Mission Blvd Mon-Fri 9am-9pm
Hayward Sat-Sun 10am-6pm

[CSU East Bay Pharmacy](#)
28500 Carlos Bee Blvd
Hayward

SAN LEANDRO

[Alameda County Sheriff's Office](#)
15001 Foothill Boulevard
San Leandro Mon-Fri: 7-5pm

[CVS Pharmacy](#) **(Sharps accepted)**
1550 East 14th Street
San Leandro 8am-9pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#) **(Sharps accepted)**
14869 East 14th Street
San Leandro 9am-8pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#) **(Sharps accepted)**
699 Lewelling Boulevard
San Leandro 8am-10pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#)
1401 Washington Ave
San Leandro 8am-10pm daily

[San Leandro Hospital](#) **(Sharps accepted)**
13855 E14th St
San Leandro Mon-Fri 8am-9pm;
Sat-Sun 8:30am-8pm

[Walgreen's Pharmacy](#)
15500 Washington Avenue
San Leandro (open 24-hours a day)

[Rite Aid Pharmacy](#)
1355 MacArthur Blvd Mon-Fri 8am-6pm
San Leandro Sat-Sun 10am-6pm

Sharps Only

Household Hazardous Waste Facilities

Hayward HW facility
2091 W Winton Ave Hayward 94545
Thurs & Fri 9-2:30 Sat 9-4

Visit Stopwaste.org or 800-606-6606
for more information.

Medication Drop-Off Locations near Fremont, Union City and Newark

FREMONT

[Capsule Pharmacy](#) (Sharps accepted)

2557 Mowry Avenue Ste. 11
Fremont Mon-Fri 9am-6:30pm

[CVS Pharmacy](#) (Sharps accepted)

2000 Driscoll Road
Fremont 9am-8pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#) (Sharps accepted)

4020 Fremont Boulevard
Fremont (Open 24-hours a day)

[CVS Pharmacy](#)

35720 Fremont Boulevard
Fremont 9am-9pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#)

46445 Mission Boulevard
Fremont 8am-9pm daily

[Haller's Pharmacy and Medical Supply](#)

(Sharps accepted)

37323 Fremont Boulevard
Fremont
Mon-Fri 9am-7pm; Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 10am-5pm

[Jade Pharmacy](#)

34460 Fremont Boulevard, Ste. B
Fremont Mon-Fri 9:30am-6pm

[Kaiser Permanente Ohlone Pharmacy #162](#)

39400 Paseo Padre Parkway
Fremont Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

[Mowry Medical Pharmacy](#)

1999 Mowry Avenue, Ste. 2A
Fremont Mon-Thu 9am-6pm; Sat 10am-1pm

[Washington Hospital Health System](#)

2000 Mowry Avenue, 1st Floor Lobby
Fremont (open 24-hours a day)

NEWARK

[CVS Pharmacy](#) (Sharps accepted)

35080 Newark Boulevard
Newark 8am-9pm daily

[Newark Police Department](#)

37101 Newark Boulevard
Newark (open 24-hours a day)

UNION CITY

[Kaiser Permanente Main Pharmacy #132](#)

3553 Whipple Road
Union City Mon-Fri 8:30-6:30pm

[Union City Police Department](#)

34009 Alvarado Niles Road
Union City, CA 24 hours

Sharps Only

Household Hazardous Waste Facilities

Fremont HHW facility

41149 Boyce Road Fremont 94538

Wed-Fri 9-2:30 Sat 9-4

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for more information.

Medication Drop-Off Locations in the Tri Valley area Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin

DUBLIN

[CVS Pharmacy](#) (Sharps accepted)
7201 Regional Street
Dublin 10am-7pm daily

[Dublin Police Department](#)
100 Civic Plaza
Dublin Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

[Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy #061](#)
3100 Dublin Blvd (Sharps Accepted)
Dublin, CA 94568 8:30am-10pm 7 days /week

LIVERMORE

[CVS Pharmacy](#) (Sharps accepted)
1500 1st Street
Livermore 9am-9pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#) (Sharps accepted)
4405 1st Street
Livermore 9am-8pm daily

[Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy #241](#)
(Sharps accepted)
3000 Las Positas Road
Livermore Mon-Fri 8:45am-6pm

[Rite Aid Pharmacy](#)
968 Murrieta Blvd Mon-Fri 9am-9pm
Livermore Sat Sun 10am-6pm

[Rite Aid Pharmacy](#)
1350 N Vasco Rd Mon-Fri 9am-9pm
Livermore Sat Sun 10am-6pm

PLEASANTON

[CVS Pharmacy](#) (Sharps accepted)
3010 Bernal Avenue
Pleasanton 9am-9pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#) (Sharps accepted)
6750 Bernal Avenue
Pleasanton 8am-10pm daily

[CVS Pharmacy](#)
3999 Santa Rita Road
Pleasanton 8am-9pm daily

[Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy South 1 #471](#)
(Sharps accepted)
7601 Stoneridge Drive
Pleasanton
Mon-Fri 8:30am-8:30pm; Sat 8:30am-4pm

[Pleasanton Police Department](#)
4833 Bernal Avenue
Pleasanton (open 24-hours a day)

[Rite Aid Pharmacy](#)
2819 Hopyard Rd Mon-Fri 9am-9pm
Pleasanton Sat Sun 10am-6pm

Sharps Only

Household Hazardous Waste Facilities

Livermore HHW facility
5584 La Ribera St Livermore 94550
Thurs & Fri 9-2:30 Sat 9-4

Visit Stopwaste.org or 800-606-6606
for more information.