

Needle Disposal Program

The Village of Tequesta Fire Rescue Needle Disposal Program is designed as a community service to assist residents with a safe and environmentally sound method to dispose of used needles, syringes, and lancets (sharps).

The improper disposal of sharps threatens the safety of every member of our community:

- They clog sewer lift stations.
- They end up at recycling centers among the cans and plastics.
- They puncture solid waste containers and place at risk workers along collection routes and at the landfill.
- They can be contaminated with hepatitis, HIV, AIDS, and other potentially fatal diseases.

Associated Fees

- Village Resident 1 quart container \$3.50 or 4.7 quart \$8.25. (Please add 6.5% tax to these prices)
- Non-Resident 1 quart container \$4.38 or 4.7 quart \$10.32. (Please add 6.5% tax to these prices)
- Cost includes container and the disposal fee.

How the Program Works

- Stop by Tequesta Fire Rescue during regular business hours: 8:30 to 5:00 M-F.
- Ask for an approved sharps container.
- Personal check or cash - exact payment is required.
- Take the container home and place it out of reach of children.
- Perform your routine blood test, etc.
- Administer your normal injection.
- Dispose of your syringes and lancets completely intact. Do not clip the needle. Do not recap the needle.
- When the container is $\frac{3}{4}$ full, permanently close the top following the directions.
- Return the filled sharps container to: Tequesta Fire Rescue, 357 Tequesta Drive, during regular business hours for proper disposal, and purchase another container at that site.

For further information contact Tequesta Fire Rescue at 744-4051.

Note: *This Program is being provided for the private sector only. All professionals and businesses are regulated under state and federal biohazard waste laws and may not participate.*