

Sharps Disposal Program

The Village of Tequesta Fire Rescue Sharps 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, putting workers along collection routes and at the landfill at risk of injury or disease. They threaten public safety.
- They can be contaminated with hepatitis, HIV, AIDS, and other potentially fatal diseases.

Associated Fees

- **No fee – Tequesta Residents only**

How the Program Works

- **All sharps must be in an approved sharps container** which can be purchased locally at drug stores, Costco, Amazon, etc.
- 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.
- You can drop off the filled sharps container to: Tequesta Fire Rescue, 357 Tequesta Drive, during regular business hours (8:30 am – 5:00 pm) for proper disposal.

For further information contact Tequesta Fire Rescue at 561-768-0550

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.*