

Syringe Disposal

Safe disposal of discarded syringes requires a shared community response

The following are options for community members to dispose of discarded syringes:

Individual response

- Do not touch the sharp with your bare hands.
- Use tongs, pliers or tweezers to pick up the sharp. It is best to also wear gloves. Always hold sharp or cutting edges down and away from you.
- If you do not have a specialized sharps disposal container, you will need a non-breakable, hard plastic container or tin can with a lid
- Put the container on a stable surface next to the sharp. Do not hold the container in your hand when placing the sharp inside. If picking up a needle, put the needle in the container point down. Do not force sharps into the container or overfill it.
- Close the container securely.
- Wash hands with soap and water and/or an alcohol-based hand rub after all handling sharps, containers, used equipment
- Dispose container in a community stationary Needle Bin
- There is a sharps disposal video that reviews best practices
<https://www.healthunit.com/sharps-disposal>

Current Locations of Stationary Needle Bins

- 580 Dundas St – LMHC
- 130 King St – Covent Garden Market, Market Lane
- Forks of the Thames
- 459 York St – Mission Services
- 241 Simcoe St – LMHC
- Victoria Park
- 186 King St – RHAC
- London Police Service – underground sallyport
- Bathurst St. at Clarence
- Bathurst St. at the Salvation Army Centre of Hope
- Municipal Parking Lot – Queens and Adelaide
- Municipal Parking Lot – Queens and Lyle
- Campbell Park
- Municipal Parking Lot – King and Adelaide (near Tolpuddle Housing Co-op)
- Piccadilly Park
- Watson Park
- Harris Park (bandshell)
- Carfrae Park (at Ridout St)
- McMahan Park
- Queens Par

Community Agency Response

Call Regional HIV/AIDS Connection (RHAC) at 519.434.1601

City of London Response on Public Property

For syringes discarded on public property, call City of London 519.661.2489 ext 4965. This phone line is answered 24 hours per day, 7 days of week