

Medical Sharps Disposal



State and local laws prohibit placing loose needles in your trash. Sharps disposed of in the trash can hurt people or be used illegally. So you may be asking yourself how do I go about disposing of my sharps correctly?

In recognition of the risks associated with not disposing of sharps correctly the Templeton Board of Health has in place a Medical Needle Sharp Disposal Kiosk, which is permanently housed at the Templeton Fire Station located at 2 School Street in Baldwinville. When entering 2 School Street from the street entrance of the fire station this kiosk is located to the far left of the front hall. This is an unattended drop off kiosk which has public access 24/7.

Sharps should be sealed in containers that are one quart in size to fit in the disposal slot. Medical sharps containers can be purchased for a small fee at local pharmacies or online. The Templeton Board of Health also has a small quantity of containers that can be given to residents as long as our supply lasts, but in a pinch a one quart plastic milk container with a cover will do just fine.

To use the kiosk you simply pull on the lever bar, place the container in disposal chute and return lever to closed position. Once shut the container is transported to a chamber in the kiosk where it is safely secured away from the public. The Town then has a private service which will dispose of all sharps correctly and safely.

The Templeton Board of Health thanks everyone for their efforts in keeping our residents as safe as possible by correctly disposing of all medical sharps.

Please feel free to email the Board of Health with any questions you may have at BOH@Templeton1.org

