

## Collection Sites

### **Auburndale Health Department**

1805 Hobbs Road, Auburndale  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(863) 965-5400

### **Bartow Fire Department**

110 E. Church Street, Bartow  
Daily, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (please ring bell)  
(863) 534-5044

### **Bartow Environmental Health Office Florida Department of Health**

2090 E. Clower Street, Bartow  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(863) 519-8330

### **Haines City Health Department**

1700 Baker Avenue E., Haines City  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(863) 421-3204

### **Lake Wales Health Department**

835 West Central Avenue, Lake Wales  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(863) 678-4144

### **Lakeland Health Department**

3241 Lakeland Hills Boulevard, Lakeland  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(863) 413-2620

### **Winter Haven Environmental Laboratory Florida Department of Health**

225 Avenue D, NW, Winter Haven  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(863) 291-5204

The Polk County Household  
Used Sharps Collection Program  
is sponsored by:

### **Polk County Waste and Recycling Division**



[www.polk-county.net/boccsite/  
Departments/Waste-and-Recycling/](http://www.polk-county.net/boccsite/Departments/Waste-and-Recycling/)

and

### **Florida Department of Health in Polk County**



[www.MyPolkHealth.org](http://www.MyPolkHealth.org)

## Polk County Household

## USED SHARPS COLLECTION PROGRAM



Florida Department of Health  
Environmental Health Division

## What are sharps, anyway?

**Sharps** are defined as items having the potential to puncture or lacerate. These include syringes with attached needles and / or disposable lancets.

If not disposed of properly, sharps can cause many problems:

- They clog sewers and lift stations.
- They end up at recycling centers.
- They puncture solid waste containers, putting workers along collection routes and in the landfill at risk of injury and/or disease.
- They threaten public safety.
- They may be contaminated with hepatitis, HIV (the virus that causes AIDS), and other serious or fatal diseases.



## What should I do with used sharps?

### It's simple...participate in the Polk County Household Used Sharps Collection Program.

The Florida Department of Health in Polk County has a voluntary program for residents and visitors with medical conditions that require the use of syringes with attached needles and/or disposable lancets.

If you have a medical condition which requires the use of injected medication, please take advantage of this FREE program.

The program is only for private individuals who give themselves or a family member shots. Healthcare professionals and businesses are regulated by other agencies and are not allowed to participate.



## How does the program work?

- Visit a collection site nearest you.
- Request a sharps container from the receptionist.
- Take the container home and place it out of reach of children.
- Place used syringes and / or lancets into the sharps container immediately after use.
- Do not overfill or cram needles into the sharps container. The containers are only puncture-resistant, not puncture-proof.
- When the container is 3/4 full, permanently close the top.
- Leave the sharps container with an authorized employee at one of the collection sites listed on this brochure for proper disposal.
- Obtain a new sharps container from the receptionist.

# HOUSEHOLD USED SHARPS COLLECTION PROGRAM