SAFE DISPOSAL OF SHARPS
NEEDLES, SYRINGES & LANCETS

Beginning September 1, 2008 home generated medical sharps
can no longer be thrown in the trash because of State Law #118286.

"Sharps" is the term used to describe any item that is capable of puncturing the skin such as
needles, carpules, lancets, suture needles, endo files, etc. Medical sharps are used in many
homes to administer medications, such as allergy shots and insulin and to monitor physical
states such as blood sugar levels. El Segundo residents can dispose of their used Sharps
by placing them in an approved Sharps container, a metal coffee can or a rigid plastic
laundry detergent container taped shut and marked "CONTAINS SHARPS". The container
should be puncture-resistant and leak proof.

- Keep your container out of reach of small children and pets!
- NEVER flush your syringes or medications down the toilet!
- Don't fill your container to the top! Allow two to three inches in-between the syringes or
  lancets and the top of the container.
- Put a lid on it! After you use a syringe or lancet, put it directly into your container, with a tight
cap or lid.
- NEVER put the sealed container into your household trash, recycling bin, or Green Waste
  bin!

Deliver sealed container labeled "SHARPS" to any of the following locations:

HYPERION TREATMENT PLANT S.A.F.E. COLLECTION CENTER
7660 West Imperial Highway, Gate B, Playa Del Rey, CA 1-800-988-6942
Hours of Operation: Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

S.A.F.E. COLLECTION CENTER
1400 N. Gaffey St., San Pedro, CA 1-800-988-6942
Hours of Operation: Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (310) 524-2359