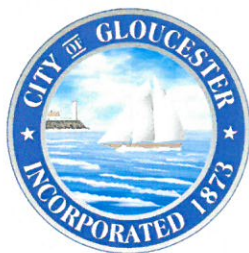


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City of Gloucester Provides Public Service Announcement for Safe Sharps and Needle Disposal Program

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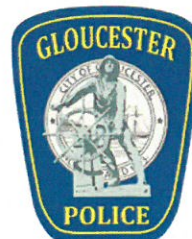
Leonard Campanello
Chief of Police, City of Gloucester
978-283-1212

As a collaboration of the Gloucester Police, Fire and Health Departments, the City of Gloucester has created the following public service announcement and informational sign regarding the proper methods for reporting and disposing of used sharps and needles found in public areas.

If you find a needle on a sidewalk or other public way, do not pick it up, instead please call the **Gloucester Police Department non-emergency line at 978-283-1212**. Provide the location of the needle(s) with as much detail as possible so that the responding officer can locate the waste. You can have an impact on the health and safety of Gloucester by doing your part.

For more information, please visit the City of Gloucester website at www.gloucester-ma.gov”

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SAFE NEEDLE & SYRINGE DISPOSAL

Many Gloucester residents use syringes to manage a variety of health care conditions at home such as diabetes, allergies, multiple sclerosis, and others. The safe disposal of needles, syringes, and lancets (sharps) is necessary to protect residents, sanitation/municipal workers, and the environment.

SHARPS DISPOSAL

What should I do with my used syringes?

Used syringes and other sharps should always be placed in a sharps container and disposed of safely – either at a drop-off site or in a mail-back program. Do not clip, bend, or recap needles and always keep sharps and containers away from children and pets.

Can I put my used syringes in the trash?

No. Throwing syringes in the trash, recycling bin or disposing them anywhere that is not a safe needle disposal container is against the law and could lead to a fine. Sharps that have been improperly disposed of pose a health and safety risk to the public and to sanitation workers. Sharps and syringes must be disposed of at a needle and syringe disposal drop-off site or through a medical mail-back service.

What should I do if I find a needle on a public way?

If you find a needle on a sidewalk or other public way, please call the **Gloucester Police Department non-emergency line** at **978-283-1212**. Provide the location of the needle(s) with as much detail as possible so that the responding officer can locate the waste.

DROP OFF SITES IN GLOUCESTER

North Shore Health Project **Addison Gilbert Hospital** **Gloucester Police Dept**

5 Center St.
978-283-0101

298 Washington St.
Main Fisher Entrance
978-283-4000

197 Main St. #1
978-283-1212



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