

Sharps Disposal in Northamptonshire

If you need to use needles or syringes (known as ‘sharps’) at home as part of your health care, it is your responsibility to dispose of them safely. It is important that sharps are disposed of appropriately because they could **injure people** and could **carry infections**.

Sharps bin

When you are prescribed needles or syringes, you should be provided with a sharps bin. These are specially designed yellow containers. You should use this sharps bin for used needles / syringes and follow the instructions provided with it.

Disposing of your sharps bin

There are 3 options for disposing of your sharps bin:

1. Return to the health service that provided it to you
2. Return it to a pharmacy or other supplier (S2S) which accepts sharps bins
3. Contact your local Borough / District Council to arrange a special collection service

1. Return to Health Service

It may be possible to return the sharps bin to the health service that provided it to you. Speak to the service to find out if that is possible.

2. Return to a pharmacy and other suppliers that accepts used sharps bins

Some pharmacies can accept used sharps bins. Details about which pharmacies will accept these can be found on page 3 of this document.

Drug and Alcohol services (S2S services provided by CGL) at Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough and Northampton also accept sharp bins.

3. Borough / District Council collection service

In Northamptonshire, the seven Borough / District Councils are responsible for providing a special collection service for sharps from people’s homes which is often known as a household clinical waste collection. Further information can be found on page 2 of this document.

You must not put your sharps / used needles in your regular bins or waste collections

Borough / District Council Collection Services

Information about the household clinical waste service provided by each Borough / District Council can be found below:

Corby Borough Council

Day of Collection: Tuesday

Cost: Free

www.corby.gov.uk/home/environmental-services/street-scene/household-waste-and-recycling/household-clinical-waste

Contact: 01536 464000 / customer.first@corby.gov.uk

Daventry District Council

Day of Collection: Tuesday

Cost: Free (one bag per week)

www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/waste-and-recycling/additional-waste-collections/

Contact: 01327 871100 / comments@daventrydc.gov.uk

East Northamptonshire Council

Day of Collection: Tuesday

Cost: Free

[www.east-](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/info/200084/recycling_rubbish_and_waste/124/household_clinical_waste)

northamptonshire.gov.uk/info/200084/recycling_rubbish_and_waste/124/household_clinical_waste

Contact: 01832 742026 / waste@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Kettering Borough Council

Day of Collection: Wednesday

Cost: £21.60 per collection

www.kettering.gov.uk/info/200084/recycling_rubbish_and_waste/114/clinical_waste

Contact: refuseandrecycling@kettering.gov.uk

Northampton Borough Council

Day of Collection: Tuesday / Friday

Cost: Free

www.northampton.gov.uk/clinicalwaste

Contact: 0300 330 7000

South Northamptonshire Council

Day of Collection: Tuesday

Cost: Free

www.southnorthants.gov.uk/info/10/rubbish-and-recycling/12/clinical-waste-needles-and-syringes

Contact: 01327 322093

Borough Council of Wellingborough

Day of Collection: Wednesday

Cost: Free

www.wellingborough.gov.uk/info/200084/bins_rubbish_and_recycling/297/clinical_waste

Contact: 01933 234520 / wellingboroughnorse@ncsgrp.co.uk

Other related waste such as plasters, incontinence pads, stoma bags and non-infectious dressings should be double bagged in plastic bags and can be placed into your general waste bin (not recycling)

S2S Services

Drug and Alcohol Service Provider (CGL) at Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough and Northampton accept sharp bins.

Pharmacies

Northamptonshire Pharmacies which accepts sharps bins as part of arrangements with NCC Substance Misuse Services.

Local Authority	Name	Address
NBC	Balmoral Chemist	Queensview Medical Centre, Thornton Road, Northampton, NN2 6LS
BCW	Berrymoor Chemist	2-3 Berrymoor Court, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN8 2DL
ENC	Boots Oundle	4 Market Place, Oundle, PE8 4BQ
NBC	Boots Weston Favell	30 Weston Favell Centre, Weston Favell, Northampton
ENC	Cherry Pharmacy	85-87 High Street, Rushden, Northamptonshire, NN10 0NZ
ENC	Cohen's Chemist	The Mannoek Centre, Irthlingborough Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1LP
BCW	Cohen's Pharmacy	Gold Street, Wellingborough, NN8 4ES
ENC	Cox and Robinson	80 High Street, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN9 5PX
DDC	Day and Night Pharmacy	5 St Johns Square, Daventry, NN11 4FG
CBC	Healthlines Pharmacy	188 Studfall Avenue, Corby, NN17 1LJ
KBC	Howitts Chemists	10 High Street, Desborough, NN14 2QS
NBC	Knights Pharmacy	Ecton Brook Road, Ecton Brook, Northampton, NN3 5EN
ENC	Lloyds Pharmacy	Brook Street, Raunds, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN9 6LL
NBC	Regent Pharmacy	10-11 Regent Square, Northampton, NN1 2NQ
BCW	Tesco Pharmacy	Wellingborough Victoria Park, Victoria Park, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN8 2EF
NBC	Tesco Pharmacy Weston Favell	Weston Favell Centre, Weston Favell, Northampton, NN3 8JZ
KBC	Thursfield & Co Ltd	63-65 Gold Street, Kettering, NN16 8JB
CBC	Thursfield & Co Ltd Corby	63 Corporation Street, Corby, NN17 1NQ
KBC	Thursfield & Co Ltd Rockingham Road	60 Rockingham Road, Kettering, NN16 8JT
NBC	Touchwood Pharmacy Harlestone Road	Harlestone Road, Northampton, NN5 7AE
ENC	Well Pharmacy (Linden MC)	Linden Medical Centre, Linden Avenue, Northants, NN15 7NX

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