

A close-up photograph of a hand in a white glove holding a clear plastic syringe. The syringe is held vertically with the needle pointing downwards. In the lower part of the frame, another syringe with a blue plunger and a clear barrel is visible, also pointing upwards. The background is a blurred blue, suggesting a medical or clinical setting.

**Californians  
Need Your  
Help!**

**Become a  
Sharps  
Collection  
Location**

# By Becoming A Collection Location for Disposal of Home-Generated Sharps, Your Pharmacy Could:

## Increase your customer base:

- Gain free advertising from the posting of your facility on the CIWMB Sharps Waste Web Page.
- Help customers meet the new sharps requirements; and increase the number of diabetics purchasing syringes and insulin.

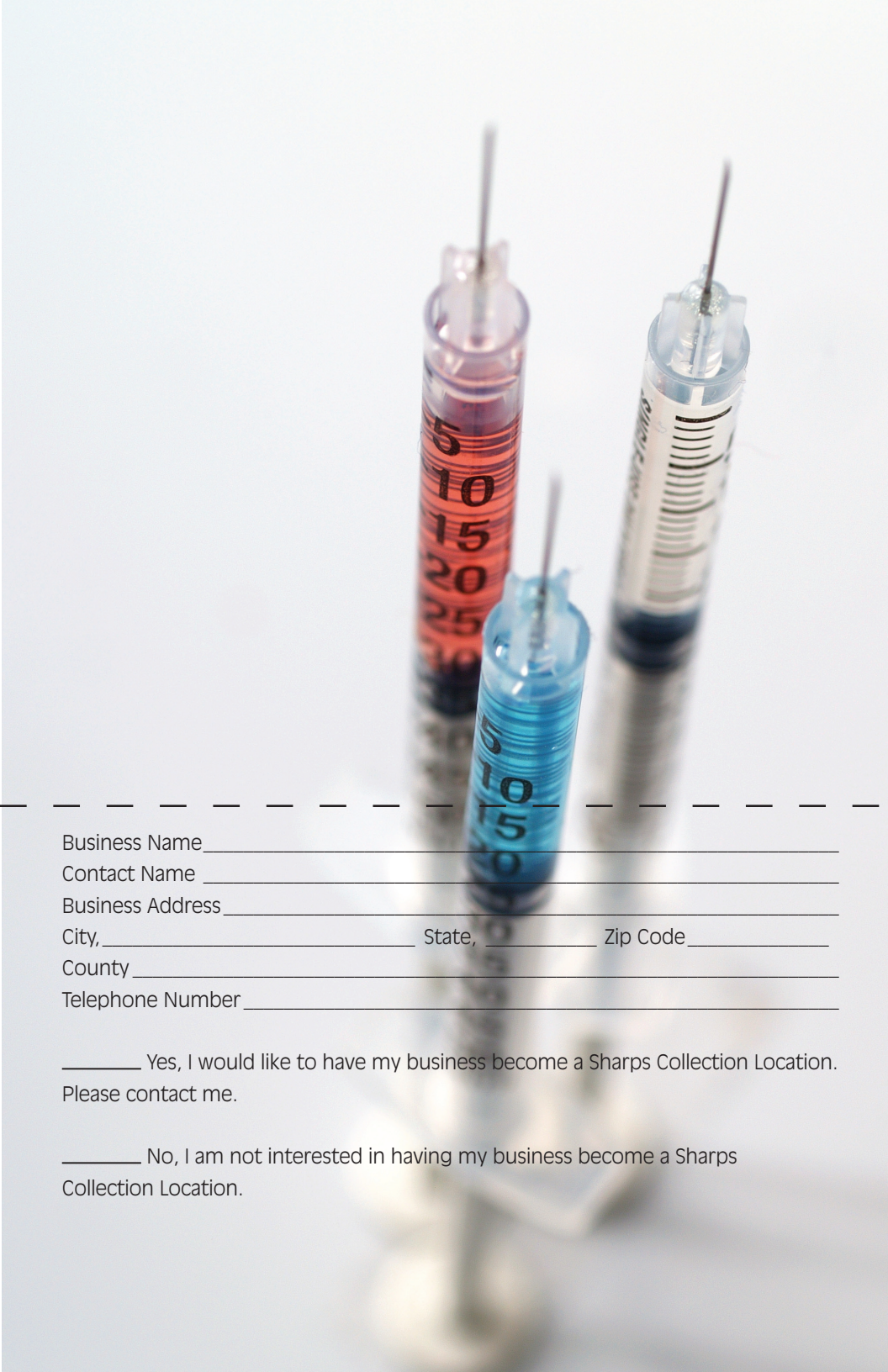
**Effective September 1, 2008 - State law makes it illegal to dispose of sharps** - (hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, and lancets) in the trash or recycling containers.

**Effective September 1, 2008** - Sharps waste can only be transported in approved sharps containers and can no longer be disposed in coffee cans, detergent bottles, soda bottles, milk jugs, or in the trash.

**Effective September 1, 2008** - Sharps can only be managed at a household hazardous waste facility, a home-generated sharps collection location (which may be a pharmacy or a medical waste generator's facility), a hospital, clinic, or through a mail-back program.

## How to Become a Sharps Collection Location

1. Complete the post card and return to the California Department of Public Health.
2. You will be contacted by the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) to complete some additional information and receive information on storage and handling requirements.



Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, \_\_\_\_\_ State, \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to have my business become a Sharps Collection Location.  
Please contact me.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I am not interested in having my business become a Sharps  
Collection Location.



3. Locate a medical waste hauler by going to the California Department of Public Health website at **<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste/Documents/MedicalWaste/Haulist.pdf>** to dispose of home-generated sharps waste.

4. Let self-injectors know about your pharmacy's sharps collection service.

5. The CIWMB will place your business on CIWMB's searchable web page, so the public can find a location to dispose of sharps.



## Searchable List of Sharps Collection Locations by County, Located at:

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HHW/Healthcare/Collection/> or call 1-800-CLEANUP

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