

NEWS RELEASE

SHARPS DISPOSAL

Effective January 8th, 2016, the Dallas County Public Health Nursing Services Office and Dallas County Environmental Health in Adel will move to 25747 N Avenue, Suite C, Adel, IA 50003. The Sharps Collection program that was previously located at 902 Court Street, Adel, Iowa, will move to the new location. The sharps collection program that is previously located at the Dallas County Ambulance Office located at 510 10th Street, Perry, Iowa, will stay at this location. Since the Ambulance crews are sometimes away on calls, it is best to call ahead of your arrival at the site. Their phone number is (515) 465-3596. If they get called out, you will have to come back later.

Thank you for your understanding in this new move for Dallas County Offices. We wanted to assure that services would still be provided in two separate locations for the public.

A Sharps Disposal program is available in the Dallas County service area for individuals to discard needles, syringes, and lancets that were used by personal medical use in their homes.

Sharps should be discarded at home in a Sharp red plastic container with a cap or lid, or a liquid laundry detergent jug is the only options for transporting the sharps or needles. When the container is full or almost full, you should call for an appointment at the Dallas County Nursing Office located at 25747 N Avenue Suite C, Adel Iowa, (515) 993-3750, Dallas County Environmental Health (515) 993-5803, or as noted above the Dallas County Ambulance Service at (515) 465-3596.

When you have obtained an appointment, you are to bring your entire container to the nursing office, where you will place it into a special sharps disposal box. (Sorry, but your container will not be returned to you.) We are not permitted to touch the containers due to the risk of exposures from a stick or prick, so each time you will have to bring a new container. If you don't have an appointment, you take the risk of not having someone available to assist you.

In compliance with HIPPA guidelines, we are only requesting that you provide us with your zip code and the number of miles that you traveled to dispose of your sharps for our data collection.

Dallas County Environmental Health is pleased to provide this program FREE of charge to you through your solid waste disposal per capita fees and our membership with Metro Waste Authority.

This program is for individual's use only for sharps used in the home, and not for medical treatment facilities like hospitals or nursing homes