

DID YOU KNOW:
NEEDLES ARE
HANDLED AT LEAST
FIVE TIMES BEFORE
FINAL DISPOSAL.

1. YOU HANDLE THEM IN YOUR HOME WHEN YOU PREPARE THEM FOR DISPOSAL AFTER USE.
2. YOUR WASTE HAULER HANDLES THEM WHEN YOUR TRASH IS PICKED UP.
3. TRANSFER STATION PERSONNEL HANDLE THEM WHEN THEY ARE IN THE TRANSFER STATION DISPOSAL TRAILERS.
4. TRASH TRAILER OPERATORS HANDLE THEM WHEN THEY ARE TARPING TRAILERS FOR TRANSPORT AND FOR UNLOADING AT FINAL DISPOSAL SITE.
5. LANDFILL(THE FINAL DISPOSAL SITE) EMPLOYEES ARE EXPOSED TO NEEDLES AFTER THE

TRUCKS ARE UNLOADED AND THE MATERIAL IS BEING COVERED.

NEEDLES ARE INTENDED TO PUNCTURE YOUR SKIN BUT THEY CAN ALSO PUNCTURE PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS, GLOVES OF PEOPLE HANDLING YOUR TRASH AND THE SKIN OF POST-USE HANDLERS.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL HOSPITAL TO SEE IF THEY COLLECT NEEDLES. MANY HOSPITALS DO THIS FOR LITTLE OR NO CHARGE.

AS AN ABSOLUTE
LAST RESORT,
PLACE THEM IN AN
APPROVED "SHARPS"
DISPOSAL CONTAINER
(THESE ARE AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY FOR AS LITTLE AS \$3.00 AND HOLD APPROXIMATELY 100 NEEDLES)AND THEN INTO YOUR TRASH. NOTIFY YOUR

HAULER THAT "SHARPS" ARE IN YOUR TRASH. IF YOU USE A TRANSFER STATION, NOTIFY THE SCALE OPERATOR.

TO LIMIT EXPOSURE TO NEEDLE STICKS, PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

PERSONS HANDLING YOUR NEEDLES HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING THE PRIOR USE OF THE NEEDLES AND THEREFORE MUST HANDLE ALL NEEDLES WITH EXTREME CAUTION. YOUR HELP IS SINCERELY APPRECIATED BY ALL HANDLERS.

PLEASE NOTE:
PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES ARE RECYCLABLE IF THEY HAVE A RECYCLING SYMBOL WITH A 5 ON THE BOTTOM. THEY CAN BE DISPOSED WITH YOUR RECYCLABLE BOTTLES & CANS.