



MEDICAL SHARPS DISPOSAL LOCATIONS AND INFORMATION

EACH YEAR, APPROXIMATELY 90,000 PEOPLE ACROSS MISSISSIPPI ADMINISTER TO THEMSELVES AT LEAST 30-MILLION INJECTIONS FOR MEDICAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS DIABETES, ALLERGIES, ARTHRITIS, MIGRAINES, HIV, HEPATITIS C, AND OTHERS.

MOST OF THESE NEEDLES, COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS "SHARPS", ARE SIMPLY DISPOSED OF BY FLUSHING DOWN THE TOILET OR THROWING THEM IN THE TRASH AT HOME, IN THE WORKPLACE, OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACES. THIS PRACTICE POSES A POTENTIAL RISK OF NEEDLE STICKS TO GARBAGE COLLECTION EMPLOYEES, SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WORKERS, JANITORS, AND IN SOME CASES TO THE PUBLIC.

EVEN WHERE A USED SYRINGE MAY BE RECAPPED, THERE IS A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY THAT THE CAP COULD FALL OFF BEFORE THE SYRINGE REACHES ITS FINAL DISPOSAL DESTINATION. THERE ARE ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR DISPOSAL WHICH ARE SAFER AND PROVIDE MORE PROTECTION TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY HAS IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF RIDGELAND THAT ARE APPROVED SITES TO DROP OFF AND DISPOSE OF MEDICAL SHARPS:

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS	RIDGELAND ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Ridgeland Fire Station #1	456 Towne Center Blvd.	(601) 856-7004
Ridgeland Fire Station #2	408 Ridgeland Ave.	(601) 856-4004
Ridgeland Fire Station #3	880 Rice Rd.	(601) 853-2034
Ridgeland Fire Station #4	567 Highland Colony Pkwy.	(601) 853-2035
Service Drugs	680 Highway 51, Ste. G	(601) 853-4611
Walgreens #05655	6970 Old Canton Rd.	(601) 956-3844