

Commercial Sharps

Kootenai County does not handle or dispose of sharps from commercial sources. This includes sharps generated and collected by hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices, dental practices, blood banks, veterinary hospitals/clinics, medical research facilities, laboratories or other facilities that work in a capacity that requires collection of sharps. In addition, Kootenai County does not accept untreated medical waste for disposal from commercial sources. To properly dispose of commercial medical waste and sharps, a biohazard company must be contracted with for disposal.



Transfer Stations

Ramsey Transfer Station
3330 N. Ramsey Rd.
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
Hours: Monday-Sunday
8am-5pm
(Entrance gate closes at 4:55 pm)

Prairie Transfer Station
15580 W. Prairie Ave.
Post Falls, ID 83854
Hours: Monday-Sunday
8am-5pm
(Entrance gate closes at 4:55 pm)



Kootenai County Solid Waste
3650 N. Ramsey Rd.
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
Phone: 208-446-1430
www.kcgov.us/380/Solid-Waste

Safe Disposal of Sharps



What are Sharps?

“Sharps” is a medical term for devices with sharp points or edges that can puncture or cut skin. Needles, syringes, infusion sets, lancets, and auto-injectors are all considered sharps.

Approximately 9 million people use sharps outside healthcare facilities every year. To keep everyone safe, sharps and sharps containers should always be disposed of appropriately.

We urge the citizens of Kootenai County to properly dispose of sharps to reduce accidental needle sticks, injury, and reduce the spread of infections and disease amongst everyone involved in handling waste.



How Can Sharps Be Properly Disposed?

Kootenai County accepts used sharps from residents of Kootenai County as long as the following requirements are met:



Use thick walled plastic containers. Sharps containers specifically made for needle containment are the best option. Laundry detergent bottles, milk jugs, and bleach bottles are also acceptable.



Clearly mark container as used sharps. This can be done with the attached stickers or legible writing with marker.



Securely close containers so needles cannot escape during transport or deposit into collection drums.



Sharps containers must be kept separated from general trash and placed individually into bright red Sharps bins located within recycle islands at the Transfer Stations.