



SAFE SYRINGE DISPOSAL IN HAYWOOD COUNTY



Tips for our community

SAFE SYRINGE DISPOSAL

Used syringes carry a potential disease risk and should be disposed of properly. There are several safe, accessible options in Haywood County:

- **Syringe (“sharps”) disposal containers** are available in many restrooms in Haywood County. They are currently located in the following areas:
 - Haywood Community College Auditorium restrooms
 - Haywood County Justice Center/Courthouse restrooms
 - Hazelwood Village public parking lot restrooms
 - Town of Waynesville Recreation Center and parks restrooms (including Vance Street Park, Recreation Park and Dutch Fisher field)
 - Waynesville Shell Gas Station/Mountain Energy restrooms
- **Personal bio-bins** may be requested by contacting NC Harm Reduction Coalition
- **Trash cans:** Syringes may be discarded in personal trash *if placed in a hard plastic container such as a laundry jug with the lid sealed and preferably taped and labeled “syringes”*.
 - Haywood County Health & Human Services (Health Department) collects laundry jugs for distribution for safe disposal.

SYRINGE LITTER

If you find a syringe in public:

- **Don’t touch**, unless you have gloves, tongs and a safe syringe disposal container accessible.
- Call NC Harm Reduction Coalition staff to report the location of the syringe(s) and their staff will handle proper disposal. Direct contact information is listed below.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Haywood County HHSA (Health Department)**
Contact HHSA at **(828) 452-6675** with questions; ask for Megan Hauser or Lauren Wood.
 - Please bring empty laundry jugs to the Health Department front desk at 157 Paragon Parkway, Suite 800, Clyde NC 28721.
- **NC Harm Reduction Coalition**
Contact NCHRC to report syringes for disposal or request emptying of syringe disposal boxes.
 - Gariann Yochym: **(910) 228-9322**
 - Jesse-Lee Dunlap: **(910) 228-0776**

Thanks for helping keep Haywood County a safe and clean community!