

Sharps bin collection and replacement guide – Within patients’ homes

The provision and collection of sharps bins varies across Kent and Medway. The local authority is responsible for collection, some will provide a replacement sharps bin.

Sharps bins can be prescribed, for more information see ‘Sharps bin prescribing guide’.

The information below sets out the provision for each Borough Council in Kent and Medway.

Ashford Borough Council				
https://www.ashford.gov.uk/recycling-waste-and-bins/large-item-collection/sharps-syringes-and-clinical-waste *				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
Yes	No	No	N/A	Via link above *

Canterbury City Council				
https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/bins-and-waste/ask-clinical-waste-collection *				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
Yes	No	Yes (Not Purple)	Not stated	Via link above *

Dartford Borough Council				
Other Refuse and Recycling Topics – Dartford Borough Council *				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
Yes	No	Yes (Not Purple)	5 Litre	Via link above *

Dover District Council				
https://www.dover.gov.uk/Recycling--Waste/Collection-Service/Clinical-Waste.aspx *				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
Yes	**	No	N/A	Via link above *

** Paydens Ltd, 17 Queen Street, Deal
 Clockwork Pharmacy, 7 High Street, Deal
 Cairns Chemist (Vantage), 51 London Road, Dover
 Paydens Chemist, 108 High Street, Dover
 River Pharmacy, 1 Chilton Way, River
 Grace Chemist, 127 Folkestone Road, Dover

Folkestone & Hythe District Council				
https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/recycling-waste-bins/clinical-waste *				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
Yes	No	No	N/A	Via link above *

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Gravesham Borough Council				
https://www.gravesham.gov.uk/bins-recycling/clinical-waste-1 *				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
Yes	No	Yes	500ml/1L/5L/11.5L	Via link above *

Maidstone Borough Council				
https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/bins-and-recycling/additional-areas/clinical-waste-collections *				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
Yes (2 x free collections per year then £5 per collection)	No	No	N/A	Via link above *

Medway Council				
Diabetic sharps disposal Clinical waste disposal Medway Council				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
No	***	No	N/A	N/A

*** Hempstead Pharmacy, 148b Hempstead Road, Hempstead, Kent. ME7 3QE

Delmergate, Street End Road, Chatham, Kent. ME5 0AA

Delmergate, Wayfield Road, Chatham, Kent. ME5 0HD

Merlin Pharmacy, 54 Silverweed Road, Chatham, Kent. ME5 0QX

Palmers, 98 Palmerston Road, Chatham, Kent. ME4 5SJ

Paydens, Strood, 139 New Road, Chatham, Kent. ME4 4PT

Fenns, 10 Walderslade Road, Chatham, Kent. ME5 9LR

Co-op, High Street, Gillingham, Kent. ME7 1AQ

Fenns, 33-35 Parkwood Green, Gillingham, Kent. ME8 9PW

Paydens, Balmoral Gardens, Gillingham, Kent. ME7 4PN

Sturdee Avenue Pharmacy, 46 Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham, Kent. ME7 2HN

Woodlands Medical Practice, Woodlands Road, Gillingham, Kent. ME7 2BU

Phoenix, 373 Maidstone Road, Rainham, Kent. ME8 0HX

Marshlands Pharmacy, Miller Way, Wainscott, Kent. ME2 4LP

Marshlands Pharmacy, 7 Parkside Parade, Cliffe Woods, Kent. ME3 8HX

Delmergate, 21 Shirley Avenue, Rochester, Kent. ME5 9UR

Karson's, 69-71 City Way, Rochester, Kent. ME1 2BA

Karson's, Pattens Lane, Rochester, Kent. ME4 6JR

Merlin Pharmacy, 364 City Way, Rochester, Kent. ME1 2BQ

Ryders Pharmacy, 130 High Street, Rochester, Kent. ME1 1JT

Bryant Road Pharmacy, Bryant Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 3EP

Coles, 29 Darnley Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 2EU

Medimart, Wells Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 2PW

Williams, 88 Frindsbury Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 4HY

Knights, 39 Knights Road, Hoo, Kent. ME3 9DT

Spensley, Twydall Shops, Twydall Kent. ME8 6JX

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Sevenoaks District Council				
https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20000/rubbish_and_recycling/170/clinical_waste_collection *				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
Yes	No	No	N/A	Via link above *

Swale Borough Council				
https://swale.gov.uk/bins-littering-and-the-environment/bins/order-or-replace/collect-sharps-box *				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
Yes	No	No	N/A	Via link above *

Thanet District Council				
https://www.thanet.gov.uk/online-services/clinical-waste *				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
Yes	No	No	N/A	Via link above *

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council				
https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/bins-waste/dispose-hazardous-waste *				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
Yes	No	No	N/A	Details via link above * Telephone 01732 876147

Tonbridge Wells Borough Council				
https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/book-a-sharps-or-clinical-waste-collection *				
Doorstep/kerbside collection service on request	Sharps box drop off locations	Replacement provided	Replacement size	Request collection
Yes	No	Yes	1L/5L/11.5L	Details via link above * Telephone 01892 526121.

Sharps bin collection and replacement guide – Nursing and Residential Homes

Nursing homes, Residential homes, and care provided in people's own homes

Care workers, care providers, and some healthcare professionals may use sharps as part of their routine practice. Sharps used should be disposed off in a dedicated sharps waste bin, using their own sharps disposal process.

In care homes within Kent and Medway, the sharps bins are collected for disposal and the replacement sharps bins are provided by their clinical waste contractor.

If a care home has no clinical waste services contract with a provider, then the care home should arrange collection, disposal, and replacement of the sharps bins via the local council.

References

[Needles - Kent County Council](#)

[Diabetic sharps disposal | Clinical waste disposal | Medway Council](#)

[Safe disposal of needles and sharps in the home | Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust \(kentcht.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Handling sharps in adult social care - Care Quality Commission \(cqc.org.uk\)](#)