

**Department: Environmental Services**

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**POLICY:**

The purpose of this policy is to provide individuals in the community, who use hypodermic needles to dispense medication in their homes, a safe method of disposing of the used needles. This disposal will meet the requirements of New York State code, rules and regulations regarding the treatment, processing and disposal of regulated medical waste, including Chapter 438 of the Laws of 1993.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. A notice will be placed via our website, announcing that CRMC will accept used hypodermic needles from individuals that use hypodermic needles for dispensing medication in their homes.
2. In order to be accepted, all needles must be placed in a rigid, puncture resistant container with a sealed lid. A detergent container will be appropriate, as long as it has a lid that is securely on the container. The outside of this container must be clean and dry. CRMC does not provide containers to the public.
3. The designated area to deposit these containers is the Laboratory. Upon receipt in this area, they will be deposited directly in to a medical waste container for packaging and shipping for disposal. These containers will be collected by the Environmental Services department.
4. The hours for accepting these will be Monday through Friday from 6:00am to 5:00 pm and from 8:00am to 12:00 noon on Saturday.