

## Starting a SHARPS Program: Promoting Safe Disposal of Medical Sharps

As part of our commitment to community health and safety, we are seeking input regarding the need for a Sharps Program in our town. Sharps (such as needles, syringes, and lancets) require proper disposal to prevent accidental injuries and protect our environment. Your responses will remain confidential.

### What Is a SHARPS Program?

A SHARPS program focuses on the responsible management of medical sharps waste. It involves creating guidelines, educating the community, and providing convenient disposal options. Here are the key components:

### How You Can Help

Please take a moment to complete our brief survey. Your participation is voluntary, and your responses are confidential. Here are some key questions:

#### 1. Demographics:

What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_ Gender? \_\_\_\_\_

This information helps us understand our population better.

#### 2. Awareness and Interest:

Would you be interested in participating in a Sharps program? \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Need Assessment:

Do you or anyone in your household use sharps (e.g., needles, lancets) for medical purposes? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you dispose of sharps? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you find a community Sharps program helpful? \_\_\_\_\_

What specific services would you expect from a Sharps program? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any barriers preventing you from safely disposing of sharps? \_\_\_\_\_

If you're interested in participating in the Sharps program, kindly provide your contact details and return by April 24th. We'll keep your information confidential and use it solely for program-related communication.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form by April 24th to [boh@townofhardwick.com](mailto:boh@townofhardwick.com) or mail your response to:

Myron E. Richardson Municipal Building  
307 Main Street  
P.O. Box 575  
Gilbertville, MA 01031

Thank you for your cooperation! Together, we can promote safe sharps disposal and protect our community.