

Be a community sharps....

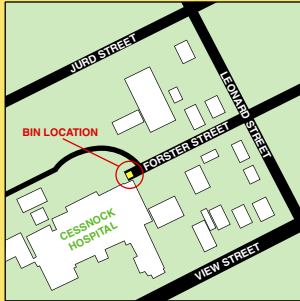


FREE Community sharps disposal facilities are available at:

CESSNOCK HOSPITAL

For the domestic sharps disposal bin located at Cessnock Hospital:

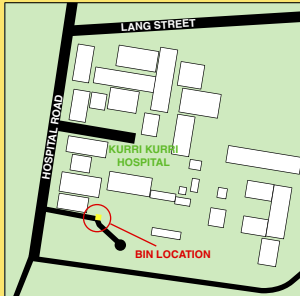
- Use the Forster Street entrance
- The bin is located in direct line with the entrance from this street.



KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL

A domestic sharps disposal bin is located at the rear of Kurri Kurri Hospital:

- Follow Hospital Road past the Emergency entrance and other buildings.
- Turn left up the driveway just past the last building.
- The bin is located in direct line of sight with the entrance from this driveway in front of the carpark.



KEN WILSON AMCAL PHARMACY

Kingsway Plaza
178 Lang Street
Kurri Kurri

BLOOMS THE CHEMIST

97 Vincent Street
Cessnock

CESSNOCK PLAZA PHARMACY

Shop 5, The Plaza,
Cooper Street
Cessnock

For further information on disposal of community sharps contact:

Cessnock City Council
PO Box 152,
CESSNOCK NSW 2325
Email: council@cessnock.nsw.gov.au
Phone: 4993 4100



Be a community sharps Safety Stickler

with all used syringes, needles and lancets



A guide to the safe disposal of community sharps in Cessnock



...Safety Stickler

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What are community sharps?

Many people rely on using needles and syringes to maintain their own health or that of a family member. Injecting equipment is also used by injecting drug users, and for animal healthcare by pet and livestock owners.

Community sharps is the name used to describe needles, syringes, lancets and similar equipment resulting from these activities.

Disposal of community sharps

Community sharps should always be kept secure and separate from other wastes.

Because of the high risk of injury to workers and other community members they should never be disposed of:

- ✗ in household waste or recycling bins (plastic syringes are NOT recyclable)
- ✗ in public litter bins
- ✗ by flushing down toilets or drains
- ✗ by discarding into the environment.

Use community sharps bins for the correct disposal of your sharps.

- ✓ Use a yellow sharps container or other appropriate puncture resistant container (eg heavy duty plastic, NOT glass)
- ✓ Store the container out of reach of children
- ✓ Seal the lid of the container when 3/4 full and dispose of container at one of the community sharps disposal facilities listed in this brochure.



Cessnock City Council community sharps bins are available for use

24 hours a day

7 days a week

Disposal is free of charge.

If you find injecting equipment

While the risk of acquiring a serious infection as a result of an accidental injury from a community sharp is extremely low, the anxiety resulting from such an injury can be significant.

If you find a syringe in a public place help protect your community by calling the:

Needle Clean Up Hotline 1800 633 353

or contact Cessnock City Council
Phone 4993 4100

