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***Household Hazardous Waste Center, Midway Fire District
Provide Safe Solution for Sharps Waste***

To help protect waste handlers, the public and the environment, Santa Rosa County now provides a free and safe solution for residents who generate sharps waste. Residents who have home-generated sharp waste are asked not to place the items in their household garbage or recycle containers, but take it in a sharp-approved, puncture resistant container to the Household Hazardous Waste Center located at the entrance of the Central Landfill, 6337 Da Lisa Road in Milton. For residents living in the south end of the county, Midway Fire District located at 1322 College Parkway will accept the waste in sharp-approved containers at their administrative building. While state law does not prohibit the disposal of sharps in your trash, it can create a health hazard for solid waste company employees, landfill staff, and the general public using the Central Landfill. Also, leakage may occur from leftover liquid in improperly disposed sharps and contaminate the environment.

Drop off hours are:

- Santa Rosa County Household Hazardous Waste Center – Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Midway Fire District – Sunday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Home-generated sharps include hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other devices that are used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications. Loose sharps and sharps placed in plastic milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, coffee tins or other non sharps-approved containers will not be accepted. Sharps waste will also not be accepted from healthcare related businesses. Residents should keep sharps containers separate from all other waste and notify household hazardous waste or fire department staff that you have a sharps container for disposal upon arrival to the facility. The sharps containers are removed from the two drop off sites by a sharps disposal management company and safely destroyed off site.

Approved sharps containers are rigid, leak-proof, puncture resistant plastic containers of various sizes and labeled with the bio-hazard symbol. They have a lid that can be securely sealed to keep contents from falling out. Sharps containers can be purchased from medical providers, pharmacies or from a reputable online seller.

Residents can dispose of their household hazardous waste for free at the county's Household Hazardous Waste Center, open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Santa Rosa County's Household Hazardous Waste Center offers residents a free and environmentally safe way to dispose of hazardous household waste like household cleaners, motor oils, gasoline, car batteries, propane tanks, pool chemicals, and pesticides.

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