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## PLYMOUTH'S PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION ANNOUNCES NEW SHARPS DISPOSAL PROGRAM WITH ARRIVAL OF SHARPS CONTAINER DISPOSAL KIOSK

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**PLYMOUTH, MA** – Beginning December 2, 2024, Plymouth's Public Health Division, partnering with the Plymouth Fire Department, implemented a new community Sharps Disposal Program/Service. The new sharps disposal kiosk has been delivered by Chrysalis Environmental Services and is located in the Public Health Office within Town Hall.

With double the capacity of normal sharps containers, the Chrysalis Needle Disposal Kiosk can hold more than most other receptacles. "We are thrilled to now offer a Sharps Container Disposal Kiosk right here in the Public Health Office," **states Plymouth's Director of Public Health, Karen Keane.** "The new sharps disposal kiosk allows the Plymouth community a safe and environmentally friendly option to dispose of residential medical waste."

The kiosk is accessible to the community during Town Hall hours and must follow directions for proper disposal of sharps, needles, and syringes which includes:

- All needles/syringes **MUST** be disposed of in a sharps container or a puncture resistant container like a one-gallon bleach bottle or a one-pound sealed, taped coffee can.
- **DO NOT** put loose needles/syringes in the kiosk.
- **DO NOT** use a glass container or a bag of any kind.
- **DO NOT** leave a container outside the kiosk.
- **Ask** for assistance if the kiosk is full.

For more information regarding the new Sharps Disposal Program, please contact the Public Health office at <https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/506/Public-Health> or via email at <mailto:publichealth@plymouth-ma.gov>.

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