

## Helpful Tips from the Transfer Station

**Needles**, Needles on the floor, needles, needles stick me no more – ALL needles must be placed in a hard-plastic covered container (i.e. detergent bottle), lid taped and marked “SHARPS” and BROUGHT IN TO THE OFFICE.

**Medical Waste** – IV tubing, IV bags, catheters, personal hygiene products, prophylactics, are considered “Infectious Waste” and should be disposed of in the garbage, NOT placed in the plastic.

**Prescription medicines** should be taken to your local police department for proper disposal by law enforcement officials.

**Batteries** -it is a good habit to place a piece of tape over the receptacle of the alkaline battery before disposing. Often the battery is still discharging and if it should come in contact with something metal it could start a fire. Rechargeable, Lithium and Nickel-Cadmium batteries should be brought to the office for packaging out to a certified recycling processor.

**Containers filled with food** – in all instances (plastic, tin, glass), when food is still in the container; dispose of these in the garbage. Food particles distribute contamination throughout the bales of product. It would be very helpful if you rinsed out your containers prior to disposal. This helps us with a higher quality product for sale in the marketplace, which helps to off-set the cost of recycling.

**Paint Cans**– If EMPTY and DRY, check the bottom of the container, plastic bottoms dispose of in the garbage, metal bottoms place in the tin cans. AGAIN, ONLY IF EMPTY AND DRY OF ALL LIQUID.

**Safety Upgrades** are taking place throughout the facility. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the changes. As always feel free to speak to a staff member with any concerns or suggestions you may have to improve the flow and efficiencies at your facility. We’re all in this together!

**To save on wait time** – Sort, Sort, Sort at home FIRST – the more people pre-sort, the shorter the wait time for everybody. Reminder, if you do not separate all your recyclables from your kitchen garbage, you must weigh it in and pay \$0.10 per pound for disposal.