



Sharps Retail Take Back Program

“Product Centered – Product Stewardship”

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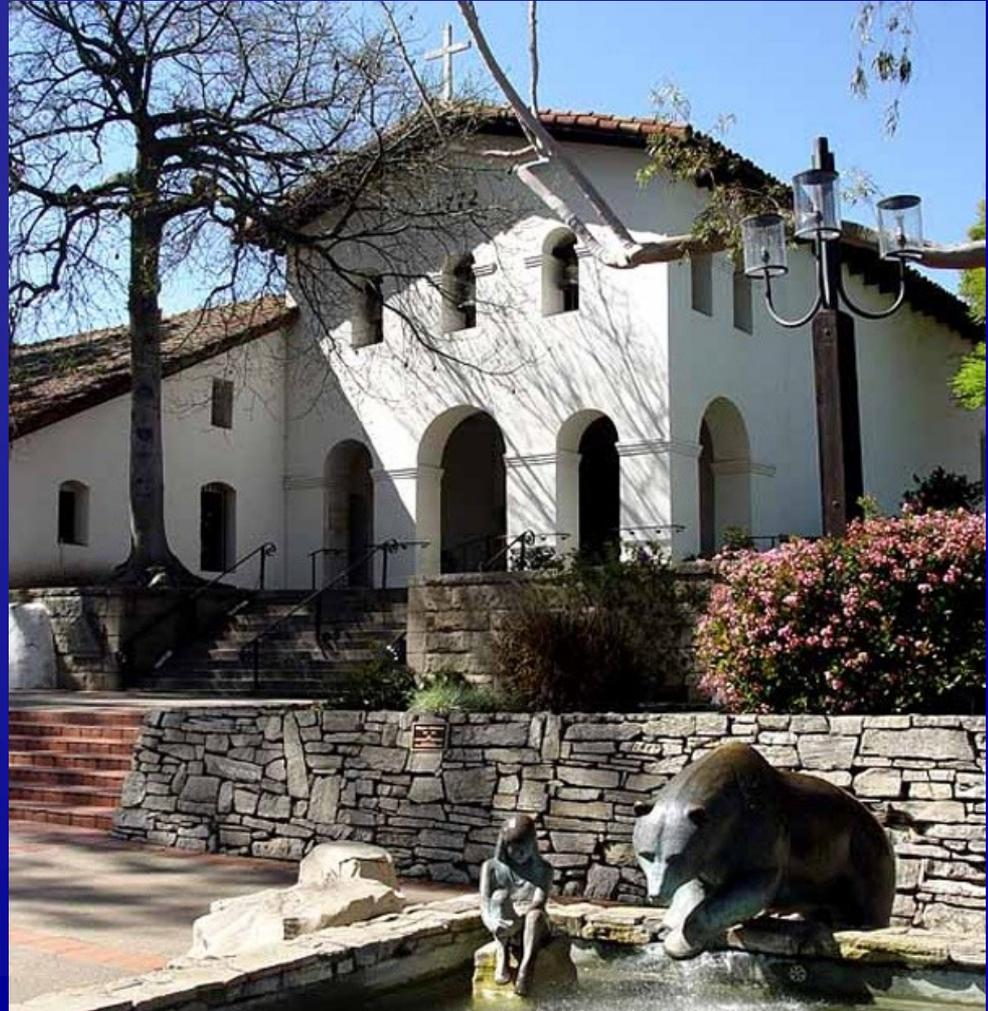
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Integrated Waste Management Authority

San Luis Obispo County IWMA

- JPA formed in 1994
- Created to Meet AB 939
- Includes 7 cities, 8 Special Districts and County
- 13 Board Members (Elected Officials)



Why Have I Been Asked To Speak?

- The IWMA has the 1st mandatory retail based sharps take back program in California

“If you SELL it, you must TAKE-IT-BACK”

- Comprehensive – All 44 pharmacies

IWMA's previous sharps collection program

- Drop off at the 4 County Health Clinics
 - Not implemented
- Drop off at the 5 Household Hazardous Facilities
 - Implemented



Why Develop Another Program?

- **SB 1305 - September 1, 2008 Deadline**
- **Maximize collection**
- **Increase convenience while maintaining safety**
- **Sustainable**



Existing Examples

➤ San Francisco

- Long term partnership with Walgreens to take sharps from the public



➤ SB 1159 (2004)

- Disease Prevention Demonstration Project

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Disease Prevention Demonstration Project

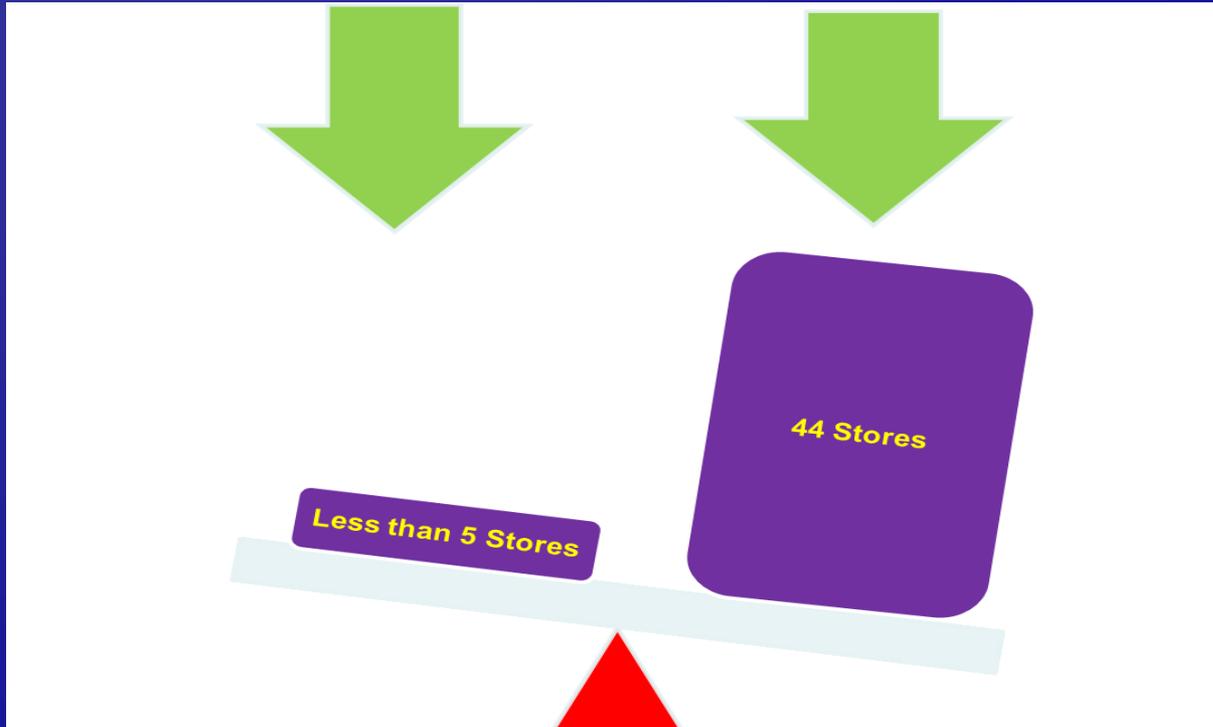
In order to provide for the safe disposal of hypodermic needles and syringes, a **registered pharmacy** shall provide one or more of the following options:

- (A) An onsite safe hypodermic needle and syringe collection and disposal program.
- (B) Furnish or make available for purchase mail-back sharps disposal containers ...
- (C) Furnish or make available for purchase personal sharps disposal containers ...

Solution!

- **Retail Based Take Back Program!**
- **Voluntary or Mandatory?**

What Happens When Programs Are NOT Mandatory.....?



Public is confused
about where they can go to
dispose of sharps

How Did We Begin This Process?

Applied for Grant funding

California Integrated Waste
Management Board

Thank You.....!!!



Eliminate Obstacles In Advance

- 1.) **Mandatory Ordinance**
- 2.) **Staff to visit and educate each pharmacy**
- 3.) **Supply sharps containers**
- 4.) **Supply temporary holding containers at pharmacies**
- 5.) **Set-up medical waste hauler collection for pharmacies.**

Take Back Ordinance

- **Passed on May 14, 2008**
- **If you sell sharps you must take them back as of 9/1/08**

Three take back scenarios

- If you sold sharps to the consumer
- If you are selling sharps to the consumer
- From a consumer who lives in SLO, up to a 2-quart sharps container per week

IWMA Enforcement of Ordinance

- **IWMA may enforce through civil action for civil penalties and injunctive relief**
- **District attorney and city attorneys may enforce criminally as misdemeanors within their jurisdictions**
- **Cities, County and Districts may enforce through existing enforcement procedures**

FREE - 1 Quart Container

- Custom Label
- Factory applied
- \$1.30 each



Pharmacy Collection Containers



- 38 gallon
- Custom design lid
- Custom Labeling Sticker
- \$95.00 per container

Custom Labeling Pharmacy Containers

Sharps Containers Only



NO LOOSE NEEDLES

When FULL Contact Eco Solutions at (805) 481-9213

Pharmacy Promotion

- Retain Window Sticker
- Mandatory Signage



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