



# SAFE SYRINGE DISPOSAL IN HAYWOOD COUNTY



## *Tips for our community*

### SAFE SYRINGE DISPOSAL

*Used syringes carry a potential disease risk and should be disposed of properly. There are several safe, accessible options in Haywood County:*

- **Syringe ("sharps") disposal containers** are available in many restrooms in Haywood County. They are currently located in the following areas:
  - Haywood Community College Auditorium restrooms
  - Hazelwood Village public parking lot restrooms
  - Town of Waynesville Recreation Center and parks restrooms (including Vance Street Park, Recreation Park and Dutch Fisher field)
  - Waynesville Shell Gas Station/Mountain Energy restrooms
- **Personal bio-bins** may be requested by contacting NC Harm Reduction Coalition
- **Trash cans:** Syringes may be discarded in personal trash *if placed in a hard plastic container such as a laundry jug with the lid sealed and preferably taped and labeled "syringes"*.
  - Haywood County Health & Human Services (Health Department) collects laundry jugs for distribution for safe disposal.



### SYRINGE LITTER

*If you find a syringe in public:*

- **Don't touch**, unless you have gloves, tongs and a safe syringe disposal container accessible.
- **Call NC Harm Reduction Coalition staff** to report the location of a syringe(s) and staff will handle proper disposal. Direct contact information is listed below.
- NCHRC and Health Department staff and partners conduct regular syringe pick-ups.

### IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Haywood County HHSA (Health Department)**  
Contact HHSA at **(828) 452-6675** with questions; ask for Megan Hauser or Lauren Wood.
  - Please bring empty laundry jugs to the front desk at 157 Paragon Parkway, Suite 800, Clyde NC 28721 (Old Walmart).
- **NC Harm Reduction Coalition**  
Contact NCHRC to report syringes for disposal or request emptying of syringe disposal boxes.
  - Gariann Yochym: **(910) 228-9322** or Jesse-Lee Dunlap: **(910) 228-0776**

***Thanks for helping keep Haywood County a safe and clean community!***