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DAVENPORT, IA—Waste Commission of Scott County (Commission) provides free sharps containers and disposal to residents of Scott and Rock Island counties.

Residents may pick up new sharps containers from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following locations: Scott Area Landfill, County Road Y-48, Buffalo (11555 110th Ave., Davenport); and Scott Area Recycling Center, 5640 Carey Ave., Davenport. Appointments are not necessary. Sharps containers also may be picked up at the [Scott County Health Department](#), 600 W. 4th St., 4th Floor, Davenport.

Full sharps containers may be dropped off at Waste Commission of Scott County's [Household Hazardous Material \(HHM\) facilities](#)

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[\(563\) 381-1300](#)

for drop-off hours.

The Commission also provides sharps containers and disposal to small businesses for minimal fees, ranging from \$6 to \$80. Details about packages and pricing are online at [www.wastecom.com](#)

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Residents and businesses are invited to learn more about the sharps program throughout November, American Diabetes Month, by visiting www.wastecom.com or calling [\(563\) 381-1300](tel:5633811300)

Eight percent of Americans have diabetes, and many people with diabetes use medical sharps—lancets, needles and syringes—to help them manage the disease on a daily basis. Many used sharps end up in trash cans or flushed down toilets. These improper disposal methods create a risk for stick injuries and serious infection for people such as sanitation workers, sewage treatment workers, janitors, housekeepers, family members and children. To help keep community members safe and healthy, the Commission provides simple, responsible disposal for sharps.

Waste Commission of Scott County is an inter-governmental agency that provides environmentally sound and economically feasible solid waste management. For more information about the Commission, please call [\(563\) 386-9575](tel:5633869575) or visit www.wastecom.com.

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