

**Effective immediately the recycling bins will be removed from St. Eustache due to the hazardous and improper disposal of needles. This is a major safety concern for the staff at the RM of Cartier, the recycling company staff, as well as the residents of the municipality. These bins will be removed until further notice.**

**Below is information regarding safe disposal of all “Sharps”.**

**Please contact either Anne Burns CAO or Tim deDelley PWA at 353-2214 for any further information.**

## **“SHARPS” HANDLING IN THE COMMUNITY...**

Do you use the following at home?

Needles  
Syringes  
Lancets



**“SHARPS” = any objects that have direct contact with bodily fluids &/or blood**

- IE:
- Needles/Syringes for giving medicines or drugs
  - Instruments used to perform blood test when checking blood sugar, such as Lancets
  - Instruments used for animals such as needles, syringes, scalpels, etc.

IF USED NEEDLES/LANCETS ARE DISPOSED OF IMPROPERLY, SHARPS CAN CAUSE INJURY, INFECTION & DISEASE SUCH AS HIV, HEPATITIS & MANY MORE.

PETS & WILDLIFE MAY GET INTO REFUSE BAGS AND BINS & SCATTER SHARPS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

### **SAFE DISPOSAL OF SHARPS:**

- Commercial container designated for sharps is preferable. These are made of puncture proof material with a lid that locks.
- You can obtain these containers from drug stores.
- Inquire at your pharmacy to find out if it's possible to return full sharps containers to their location.
- When transporting full sharps containers in a vehicle, be sure to put them into the trunk in a cardboard box/plastic container & securely seal.
- For more information on proper sharp disposal, contact the Public Health Nurse at 353 2043.

### **\*\*IF NO COMMERCIAL SHARPS CONTAINER ARE AVAILABLE:\*\***

- As a last resort, use a plastic container with **THICK, DURABLE** walls & a screw top.  
(IE: bleach, shampoo, liquid detergent containers)
- Insert sharps with sharp end **DOWN** in container immediately following use.
- Keep out of reach of children & pets in a secure location.
- Once container is about 2/3 full, secure the lid, by tightening & taping.
- Ensure it is **MARKED CLEARLY “DO NOT RECYCLE”** & **SEAL CONTENTS IN PLASTIC BAG.**



**ST. EUSTACHE AND AREA RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED NOT TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE IN ANY RECYCLING BIN.**