**Disposal of Medications**

When you dispose of medications safely, it prevents accidental poisoning of children and pets, discourages misuse by others, protects the environment, and prevents overdoses and errors.

Disposal of Sharps:

 Needles, syringes, and lancets cannot be disposed of in your regular household trash per

California law.

 Your Home Care Clinician can provide you with a sharps container for all your sharps disposal.

 Sharps containers must be taken to state-approved sharps disposal locations.

 Do not put sharp objects in any container that will be recycled or returned to the store.

 Do not use glass containers.

 Do not use containers the sharps can penetrate.

 Do not recap needles.

Disposal of Medications:

 Dispose of medications when you no longer need them.

 Take your prescription drugs out of their original containers. Make sure you remove or cover up any personal information before tossing the containers.

 Mix drugs with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.

 Put mixture into a sealable bag or disposable container with a lid.

 Throw this container in the trash.

 Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet.