



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 28, 2025

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO IMPLEMENT A NEEDLE COLLECTION PROGRAM FOR CITY RESIDENTS.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

BRIEF HISTORY:

Needles, syringes, and lancets are commonly used by individuals who self-administer injectable prescription medications at home. Improper disposal of these used needles, syringes, and lancets ("sharps") in household trash or recycling bins can create health and safety risks for sanitation workers, city employees, and the general public. Sharps that are disposed of improperly can also have a negative impact on the environment and wildlife.

Establishing a used sharps collection program for City residents ("Needle Collection Program") would provide residents with a safe, accessible, and environmentally responsible way to dispose of sharps that have been used for the injection of prescription medications at home. In order to promote community safety and wellbeing, and to mitigate the negative impacts of improper disposal of sharps used for the injection of prescription medications or administration of diagnostic tests at home, the City Commission desires to create and implement a Needle Collection Program.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Resolution

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	TBD		

Fiscal Impact: The financial impact of the Needle Collection Program will be limited to costs related to licensing/permitting, staff training, and sharps disposal.

BUSINESS IMPACT:

None.