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Meeting Time: 06-27-23 12:00

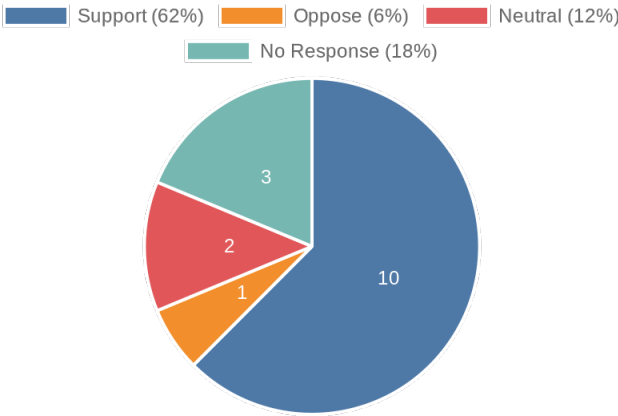
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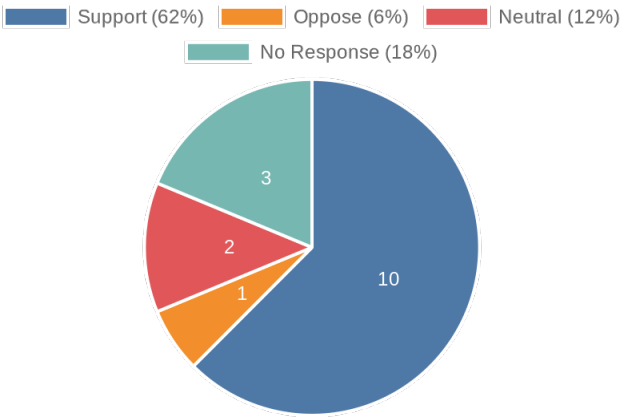
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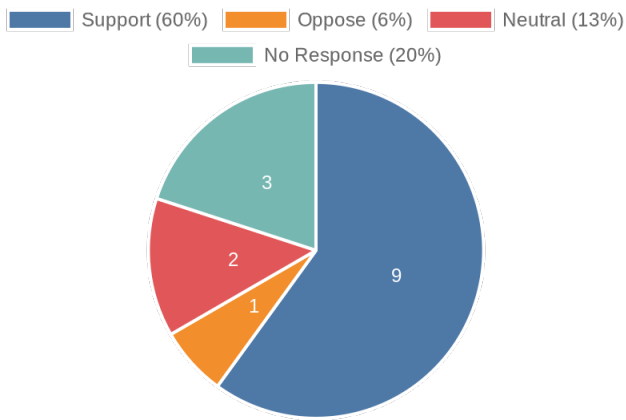
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### Henry S.

Location:

Submitted At: 2:48pm 06-27-23

Some areas of the city (including my own) have incurred substantial damages and trauma from the city's lack of response. If asked to quantify, I feel like the impact to my mental health due to the lack of recourse to address these issues and the lack of response from the city. I have been threatened at gunpoint, I have had thousands of dollars in damage and theft, I have been diagnosed with pstd AND c-ptsd and yet the city will do nothing. We're told to call the police in the event of crime but they respond extremely late if at all and have told us that the city has limited their ability to address these issues. It's problematic in the first place to expect average citizens to triage these dangerous criminals (this is not hyperbole, it has gotten to the point that we know individuals and their criminal histories) but it's criminally negligent on the part of the city when they know that law enforcement is limited. Something needs to be done.

### Darrin Kong

Location:

Submitted At: 2:22pm 06-27-23

The government swiftly and thoroughly mandated the removal of Japanese AMERICANS from their HOMES during WW2, and RELOCATED them in barracks style internment camps in isolated areas away from the general population.

So why is it a similar strategy can't be implemented with the thousands upon thousands of the homeless who by definition HAVE NO HOMES unlike the Japanese Americans who DID, and therefore the government needs only to RELOCATE these unhoused off of our streets, out of our public parks, from behind our homes(!), and RELOCATE them to government owned land away from people's homes and businesses (the Japanese lives in the desert...)?

Apparently this was good enough for Americans who HAD homes, so work with state and/or federal agencies and get this done...or at least started!

Lastly, sure, many of the homeless have fallen on hard times for one reason or another, and many do seek help and make an effort to become housed/improve their situation. But when law abiding citizens including in some instances CHILDREN are being assaulted or murdered, then we've reached the point where we can no longer keep saying, "oh the poor homeless, oh they've got rights too, oh they shouldn't be uprooted from their cardboard and tarp camps"...! RELOCATE THE HOMELESS!!!

### **Nancy Kitz**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:04pm 06-27-23

Sacramentans, like Americans everywhere, have been steadily losing trust in the government. This suggests that this low level of confidence in government institutions isn't a one-off trend—it's here to stay. The Measure O head fake certainly will further exacerbate Sacramento's very own doom loop.

The city spent 2 years discussing and wasting millions of dollars on the failed Comp Homeless Siting Plan. It created a new city department funded with \$10M—Community Response—whose job now is to tell homeless folks to move along because no shelter or services are available. And the private company Forensiclean (which has city employees on payroll) gets multimillion dollar contracts to implement the city's real homeless policy—whack-a-mole (AKA Sweeps).

Measure O was a nod and a wink deal that city never intended to keep. After it passed with 70,000 votes, the city moved \$35M from Comprehensive Shelter Plan into affordable housing and abruptly ceased creating transitional housing, safe parking sites and other shelter for the homeless. Current shelter spots are maxed out at 2,000. Obvious that the city never had any intention of complying with Measure O.

The bean counter Howard Chan devised the scheme and now says City has already spent the \$5M set aside to respond to Measure O. So, city won't respond to citizen complaints and will not hire a hearing officer to hear complaints. He should get an award for outstanding gaslighting.

Instead, the CA City Management Foundation gave him 2022 City Manager of the year. This organization doesn't care about democracy, public engagement, open meeting laws, government transparency or accountability – and neither does Mr. Chan (or the City Attorney) who serve City Council and not the public. Apparently, In the City Manager's world elections don't matter.

The other co-conspirators in this Ponzi Scheme are Mr. Conway and the Downtown Business Association. They caved and watered down their original proposal into pure pabulum to get it on the ballot. Of course, city council embraced it – they have always been interested in doing the bare minimum concerning the Homelessness.

The deception and game playing around such a critical issue that was supposed to help get homeless folks off the streets and make neighborhoods safer is so cynical and callous that it's no wonder the mayor won't run for reelection. On his watch, homelessness increased 67% from 5500 to 9500. Anyone running for reelection next year will have some serious explaining to do.

### **Jeffrey Flanagan**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:01pm 06-27-23

As you know the ESEA states the City must authorize/identify 605 spaces within the first 90 days. The ESEA states the City must identify/authorize locations in every council district to avoid over concentration. In the latest progress report of the 8 locations 4 are located in District 2. Three of the four locations in D2 (Grove, Colfax, Arden Acres) are within walking distance of each other. The over concentration of shelters is having a negative impact on my community. The community has seen a dramatic increase in crime, neglect, and homeless migration as a result of these locations. I respectfully ask the City Managers office to consider the implications of this over concentration and moving forward cease the authorization of future shelters in D2.

Thank You,

### **Tyler Gerlach**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:55am 06-27-23

Correspondence received by the City Clerk's Office

**Katie Gresham**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:33am 06-27-23

Correspondence received by the City Clerk's Office

**Land Park Community Assoc. Board**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37am 06-27-23

Letter of support attached

**Better Sacramento Now**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:15am 06-27-23

70,000 Sacramento voters approved of Measure O but the council is stopping enactment of measure O and disenfranchising the 70,000 voters who approved of Emergency Shelter. Stop disrespecting the majority of voters who approved of Measure O. The public elected you to follow the law, not to ignore laws you don't like. The right to vote is being undermined, enforce the ordinance. Until Measure O is enforced, the city will continue to be in a state of lawlessness and the homeless will suffer inhumane conditions.

Hundreds of Sacramento voters have gone online in the past week to file notice of violation and demand to abate camps. 70,000 voters approved of Measure O because they want to feel safe in their own homes. And the voters want accountability for helping the homeless.

Why hasn't the City Manager established rules of procedure for the processing of measure O violations and appeals? Why hasn't the City Manager hired a Hearing Examiner to enforce encampment violations?

The city is allowing homeless people to suffer at inhumane encampments, but the Measure O Hearing Examiner will have the power to order city remediation. A majority of voters approved of oversight and correction of camp violations; voters also approved of the appeal process. Until Measure O is enforced, the city will continue to be in a state of lawlessness and the homeless will suffer inhumane conditions.

**Stephenie Alstrom**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:32am 06-27-23

I support the City once and for all removing the illegal "campers" from our sidewalks! This has got to stop! I no longer feel safe in my neighborhood as I walk past "campers" doing drugs right on the street! Start enforcing what's already a law and remove these people! Sacramento streets are NOT a KOA campground!!!!

**Matthew King**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:31am 06-27-23

Please come to an agreement and work with the county and also law enforcement and Dcr keep our streets clean!

Making safe grounds out of public parks that are meant for families and children is unacceptable leaving people on the street is unacceptable. Let's mandate treatment programs and get people to help they need whether it be drug alcohol or mental health mandatory facilities like hope for Sacramento it's just what the city needs. Let's work together as a community to make Sacramento. Amazing

**Kristina Rogers**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:26am 06-27-23

The city says it's made it's money obligation to Measure O, but without collaboration and a clear, simple process for helping people off the streets into services and shelter - it's nothing. This is not okay. Sacramento's citizens deserve better. Please step up and work together to confirm "who" does "what" and how to move people from blight to hope.

**Cameron Goodman**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:25am 06-27-23

The status quo is unacceptable. The language of Measure O is a step in the right direction, but only if the law, as enacted by the electorate, is enforced.

Allowing tent and RV encampments to go unabated for weeks and months establishes a culture of lawlessness. These camps are public safety disasters, both for people in the camps and for those in nearby neighborhoods. Taxpayers demand clean, safe streets and consistent, equitable enforcement of laws. It is laughable that a new house in Sacramento cannot have a gas stove, but a homeless camp can have numerous gas-powered generators.

The City has an obligation to abate public nuisances. If the City fails to do so, then it will face lawsuits similar to those in Phoenix, AZ. Please fund and enforce Measure O as enacted by the voters.

**Muriel Strand**

Location: 95820, Sacramento

Submitted At: 3:40am 06-27-23

The city's FAQs advising citizens on how to respond to other citizens who happen to be homeless is mean, counterproductive, and badly needs revision: <https://homeless.cityofsacramento.org/faqs>

Please see the attached for some suggested improvements. (Please note that my new computer seems to not be working properly so i am not sure if the attachment i want to share is what's attached so as a backup i am sending the correct document to the city clerk.)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Also, this workshop should include detailed, line-item information about the money allocated to managing homelessness in the city, including ALL the money spent on ALL staff and ALL contractors that are involved - cops, outreach, portapotties, shelters, forensiclean, etc. Then, this workshop should include scenarios on other and more constructive ways this money could be spent on arranging for PERMANENT solutions such as affordable housing, including group homes with shared kitchens and bathrooms, similar to the SROs the city has destroyed over the years, and also THRIFTY renovations to empty office buildings rather than wholesale and expensive conversion to individual apartments. If this workshop does not include such information, another workshop should be scheduled to present and discuss such information.

Of course, what everyone really needs is more living wage jobs and more affordable housing. What we DO NOT need is more criminalization of the homeless nor the kind of official and highly counterproductive government corruption detailed in the book which is outlined in this booktalk: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?526518-1/injustice-inc-americas-justice-system-commodifies-children-poor>

According to a recent survey of local homeless people, about 1 in 4 ARE working, and a majority would like to. Of those who cannot due to mental and/or physical limitations, remind yourselves that most of those folks experienced more than their share of adverse childhood experiences and are traumatized. So intensifying their trauma just makes things worse for everyone.

**Craig Chaffee**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:19pm 06-26-23

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Sincerely,

Craig Chaffee  
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### **John Frias Morales**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:56pm 06-26-23

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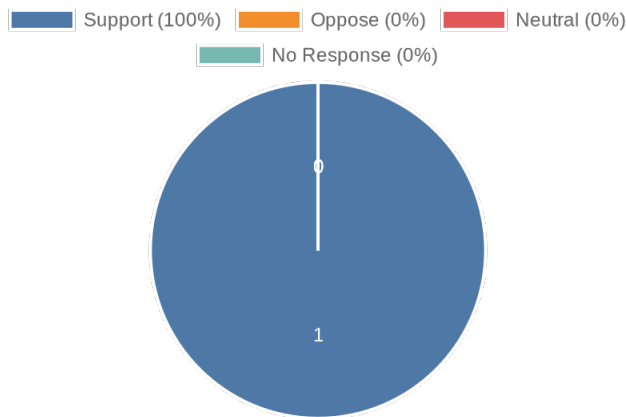
We can't wait. Our future is on the line. Every day, wherever you go, we see the results of crime, blight and homelessness. Rather than be helpless, we can work together and make decisions now to make Sacramento a



better place to live and work. Let's listen to each other now. Let's solve problems now. Let's have a better Sacramento now.

Agenda Item: eComments for Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

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Zuri KColbert

Location:  
Submitted At: 3:15pm 06-27-23

My name is Zuri K. Colbert, the Founder of the Community Lead Advocacy Program, CLAP. CLAP is a community-based organization located in Sacramento, California. Our organization provides outreach services and resource connection in support of community members who have been traditionally limited to viable resources. We are speaking up to provide our full support for economic promotion for Mrs. Lynette Hall the Community Engagement Manager for the City of Sacramento.

Mrs. Hall has been an outstanding Community Engagement Manager for the City of Sacramento and for the Sacramento community as a whole. Mrs. Hall, along with her amazing Community Engagement team have diligently implemented and managed innumerable community projects that have been contributory to equitable opportunities for Sacramentans. The positive impact, decisions, programming, and plans have been led by Mrs. Lynette Hall who is deserving of the equitable compensation for her contributions.

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**From:** cjchaffee@comcast.net <cjchaffee@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2023 3:17 PM

**To:** Engage <Engage@cityofsacramento.org>; District 1 <district1@cityofsacramento.org>; District 3 <district3@cityofsacramento.org>; District 5 <district5@cityofsacramento.org>; Mai Vang <MYVang@cityofsacramento.org>; Sean Loloee <SLoloee@cityofsacramento.org>; Katie Valenzuela (City) <kvalenzuela@cityofsacramento.org>; Caity Maple <CMaple@cityofsacramento.org>; Rick Jennings <RJennings@cityofsacramento.org>; Eric Guerra <EGuerra@cityofsacramento.org>; clerk <clerk@cityofsacramento.org>; Darrell Steinberg <DSteinberg@cityofsacramento.org>

**Subject:** Public comment for 12 pm June 27, 2023 City Council Special Session on Implementing Measure O

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----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Jennifer Holden <[jenholden100@gmail.com](mailto:jenholden100@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 04:22:58 PM PDT  
**Subject:** City Parks need your support before Tuesday 6/27

Sacramento City Parks need your support this week!

The City Council will be hearing agenda items about our parks this Tuesday, including a special noon session about implementing Measure O - reporting homeless encampments near parks, schools, critical

infrastructure, etc.. Review the following links and prepare your e-comments, emails, or meeting comments to give to the City Council.

## 12 pm June 27, 2023 City Council Special Session for Implementing Measure O

KCRA3 Report on Measure O 2 days ago:

<https://www.kcra.com/article/sacramento-measure-o-homeless-encampments/44310098>

"Although residents can now report unlawful encampments the city says residents won't see an immediate change. "The homelessness crisis wasn't created overnight, so I think it would be wrong to assume that there's going to be a quick fix to any of this, said Tim Swanson, spokesperson for the city manager. "What I can say is that the city and county of Sacramento, both are committed to doing everything we can to help people who are experiencing homelessness while protecting the health and safety of our communities.""

Agenda with Zoom meeting link:

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS About Homelessness in the City of Sacramento**

Sacramento City's official website has a list of FAQs with answers (labeled A# below) about the various ways unsheltered people can be criminalized when sheltered people are bothered by unsheltered people's existence near their businesses and neighborhoods. Given the very unfriendly tone of the city's suggestions, it's not at all surprising that neighborhoods have rejected the council's city-wide Master Plan for 'temporary' camping and tiny-house sites. <http://homeless.cityofsacramento.org/faqs>

Sheltered people are often unaware of how easy it is to be labeled as a criminal and how much harder it then becomes to obtain secure and permanent shelter, let alone healing from PTSD, paying off the predatory fines and fees inflicted by various judges, and getting an education and a living-wage job. In other words, homelessness is a problem we will never be able to sweep and arrest our way out of. Sweeping our problems under the rug is not a solution.

In that spirit, here are a few attempts to suggest more constructive alternative tactics. I welcome additional suggestions.

### **Alternative Answers (AA#)**

#### **Q1: Who can I call with an inquiry or complaint regarding encampments established by persons experiencing homelessness?**

##### **AA1:**

**a.** Have you discussed the situation with the homeless people?

Be aware that homeless people will almost certainly feel fearful that your approach bodes problems such as police citations and fines that will just make their lives even less manageable. Many of the 'solutions' (sic) used to sweep homelessness under the rug, like exiling homeless folks from residential and commercial areas, often cause PTSD and fix nothing. Unsurprisingly, the unsheltered tend to retreat to areas where few sheltered people spend much time.

Reassure yourself that while a small fraction of the homeless population suffers from a basic psychosis such as schizophrenia, such unfortunates are much more often the victims of violence than the perpetrators. The fact that none of the city's suggestions refer to violent attacks from homeless people implies they are not at all common.

A more significant fraction is people who lost their job, their car or their apartment, or they got sick and didn't have good or any insurance, or they got divorced, or their student loan servicer garnished their wages, or they still had PTSD from war or other prior abuse, or they were a victim of ID theft, fire, flood, or a car crash, etc. You have the power to help bring homeless people back into the Sacramento economy and community by developing relationships with specific individuals based on the common ground of individual and egalitarian human conversation.

Reassure yourself that many homeless people are quite intelligent and capable, possessing

various skills that supported them before misfortune sank their financial boat. Treating homeless people the way you would like to be treated is a good way to evaluate their abilities and aptitudes. Most people like doing things that are truly useful, yet city and county government seem insistent on not empowering capable homeless people to assist in the management and care of the increasing population of homeless people in Sacramento.

b. Have you discussed the situation with your neighbors?

Your neighbors may benefit from understanding the information under #1 above.

c. If the homeless people are really bothering you, please write down the observable or measurable problems you are experiencing. Since sane people who are homeless will do whatever is necessary to survive, evaluate your survival necessities and your hypothetical choices if you could not obtain safe and secure shelter and had no ready access to potable water, healthy food, or sanitation. How would you like sheltered people to treat you, if you were broke and on the street?

If you have witnessed drug use, be aware that there is no evidence that addicted homeless people are more violent or dangerous than addicted sheltered people.

d. Invite your neighbors to identify the observable problems in writing.

Again, share with them the suggestions above. After a complete assessment of the situation, consider the best possible recipients of this information and suggestions for effective action. Like affordable housing. While this takes more time and energy than just calling 911, it also frees city staff for other priorities.

e. Contact Sacramento City's Department of Community Response at

[DCR@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:DCR@cityofsacramento.org) or 311

r. Contact your city councilperson: <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Mayor-Council>

g. Contact Sacramento County's Dept of Human Assistance 916-875-3555 Ombudsman Office  
Sacramento Child & Adult services (IHSS, CPS & APS) 916-875-2000

h. Contact Sacramento County's Dept of Health Services <https://dhs.saccounty.gov/Pages/Contact-Us.aspx>

i. Contact your county supervisor

<https://bos.saccounty.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

j. To help a homeless person reclaim their property if it's been taken by city staff without the homeless person's permission.

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Police/How-Do-I-Obtain-My-Property-or-Evidence>

**Q2: I submitted an inquiry or complaint regarding an encampment established by persons experiencing homelessness to 311. Why hasn't a Sacramento police officer arrested the occupants? Why hasn't the encampment been removed or relocated?**

**AA2:** Being homeless is not a crime. There are many common reasons people become homeless against their will. As you know, housing is quite expensive in California, and illegal evictions are

not rare. Obviously, an illegal eviction is a crime, though it's rarely prosecuted. The city of Sacramento's Tenant Protection Program offers some assistance: <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Code-Compliance/Tenant-Protection-Program>

One big reason an encampment hasn't been relocated is that no better location is available. The city's Master Plan for well-managed encampments and other temporary housing has yet to be implemented. Although the plan distributes these sites throughout the city, among all council districts, opposition from residents and businesses and funding challenges have slowed progress.

A proper location for an encampment would be where there are water and sewer connections, as well as cooking facilities. Protection such as trees or overhead canopies would buffer weather extremes. As you know, the climate is changing and climate refugees will likely be arriving sooner than you expect.

Another reason to delay a sweep of an encampment is that it causes a lot of misery and uses a lot of unnecessary time and energy on the part of homeless people who could potentially do something more constructive with that time and energy in addition to finding water, food, and shelter every day. It also uses government staff time which could be used in far more constructive ways, and which is paid for by your taxes.

There is one policy which if approved by local government would reduce the homeless population to proportions not seen since before Reagan was elected. Charging a fee for bedrooms not being slept in would be very effective. Unfortunately, most really effective policies require too much political will.

**Q3: Can persons experiencing homelessness start a fire to cook food or stay warm?**

**AA3:** Obviously, anyone **can** start a fire. And obviously they are not supposed to. However, the survival instinct is very strong. It is foolish to expect people to just give in and die of hunger or cold.

**Q4: I see a person experiencing homelessness using drugs or drinking in public. What can be done?**

**AA4:** Ask that person if they need help. Consider calling 211 for assistance from health professionals. Alternatively, pretend there is a wall around him or her. If you can't hear them over the wall, you can stop worrying about your safety.

**Q5: I see used syringes on a public street or sidewalk. Can the City pick them up?**

**A5:** Yes. The City can dispatch a contractor to remove used syringes from public property. Reports of used syringes on public property should be directed to **311**.

**AA5:** The city does have some good advice here. Hopefully such a report leads to immediate action.

**Q6: A person experiencing homelessness is camping on my private property. Can I have that person removed?**

**A6:** Yes. In general terms, a person entering or remaining upon your private property is trespassing in violation of state and local law. Reports of someone trespassing on your property and refusing to leave should be directed to the Sacramento Police Department at **916-808-5471**.

However, reports of someone trespassing on the private property of another should be directed to **311**.

**AA6:** Please review the suggestions under AA1 above. Respect for the property rights of another suggests consulting that property owner as to whether the homeless person has the property owner's permission to be there.

**Q7: A person experiencing homelessness was trespassing on my private property and left trash behind. Who is responsible for removing the trash?**

**A7:** Owners of private property are responsible for maintaining their property free of junk and debris. Property owners must arrange for trash removal and secure their properties from trespassers.

**AA7:** If you don't feel like hiring a hazardous waste professional to remove abandoned items, just review the situation logically, and carefully inspect and analyze the appearance of said items. If you are a homeowner, you probably have various tools on hand, such as shovels and gloves, that will allow safe disposal into your garbage can.

If you see used syringes, here is some information designed to ensure safe handling and disposal thereof. Bear in mind that having a safe injection site locally should eliminate the hazard of finding them unsecured.

Safe Handling & Disposal of Needles and Syringes

[https://esa.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/esa/publication/attachments/Prevention\\_protocol-Safe\\_Handling\\_of\\_Needles-Final1-14.pdf](https://esa.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/esa/publication/attachments/Prevention_protocol-Safe_Handling_of_Needles-Final1-14.pdf)

Reusable containers for the collection of sharp items used in human and animal medical applications

<https://www.saiglobal.com/PDFTemp/Previews/OSH/As/as4000/4200/4261.PDF>

Sharps Disposal Containers

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/safely-using-sharps-needles-and-syringes-home-work-and-travel/sharps-disposal-containers>

