

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

# Syringe & Needle Clean-Up Program

# Background

- Syringe litter creates:
  - A public health hazard
  - Risk of injury
  - Spread of Disease
- The City started its Syringe Clean-Up program in 2020 after growing concerns about the amount of syringe litter in our neighborhoods.
- On July 7, 2023, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued under for syringe and needle education services. Two (2) vendor proposal responses were received in response to this RFP.
- Pending Council Approval and Mayor's signature, the contract will be executed with the chosen vendor.

# Elements of the Program

- The selected agency will be responsible for:
  - The safe pickup and disposal of used needles
  - Servicing disposal kiosks
  - Conducting cleanup sweeps
  - Providing education on proper disposal methods



# Requests for Service

- Picking up needles without proper training could be dangerous. When people come across syringes in the community or need information on drop box locations, they should [contact 311](#).



# Additional Resources

- Professional needle disposal kits
  - Five fire stations around the city will each carry five kits that will be handed out on a first come, first serve basis.
  - Minneapolis fire station locations:
    - Fire Station 2 – 143 13th Ave NE
    - Fire Station 6 – 121 E 15th St
    - Fire Station 7 – 2000 E Franklin Ave
    - Fire Station 14 – 2002 Lowry Ave
    - Fire Station 17 – 330 E 38th St
- Drop boxes
  - Syringe drop boxes are an effective way to decrease syringe litter. You can find drop boxes in neighborhoods around the city.
- The Minneapolis Health and Fire Departments teamed up to make a [video](#) on how to:
  - Create your own safe needle pick-up kit
  - Safely pickup needles
  - Throw them away