Sharps Drop-Off Sites

Aurora Pharmacy (Aurora sharps containers only)
204 E. Main Street, Watertown ($5 for non-customers)

Aurora Pharmacy
203 N. Main Street, Lake Mills

Fort HealthCare Cambridge Clinic
704 Katie Ct., Cambridge

Fort HealthCare Center for Women's Health
650 McMillen St., Fort Atkinson

Fort HealthCare ENT Specialists
512 Wilcox St., Fort Atkinson

Fort HealthCare Jefferson
840 W. Racine St., Jefferson

Fort HealthCare Johnson Creek
400 Doctors Ct., Johnson Creek

Fort HealthCare Lake Mills
200 E. Tyranena Park Rd., Lake Mills

Fort HealthCare Orthopaedic Associates
1504 Madison Ave., Fort Atkinson

Fort HealthCare Surgical Associates
212 Milwaukee Ave. W., Fort Atkinson

Fort HealthCare Urology Associates
520 Handeyside Lane, Fort Atkinson

Fort HealthCare Whitewater Clinic
1461 W. Main St., Whitewater

Fort Memorial Hospital Laboratory
611 Sherman Ave. E., Fort Atkinson

Jefferson County Health Department
1541 Annex Rd., Jefferson

Lake Mills Public Works Building
307 North CP Ave., Lake Mills (L.M. residents only)

Sharps Drop-Off Sites

Watertown Health Department
515 South First St., Watertown

Whitewater Family Practice
1305 W. Main St., Whitewater

Fort HealthCare Urology Associates
520 Handeyside Lane, Fort Atkinson

For More Information

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Jefferson County Health Dept.
1541 Annex Road
Jefferson, WI 53549
(920) 674-7275
www.jeffersoncountywi.gov

Fort HealthCare
Infection Control Dept.
611 East Sherman Ave.
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
(920) 568-5175 or (920) 568-5279
www.forthealthcare.com

Fort HealthCare
For Health

Watertown Dept. of Public Health
515 South First Street
Watertown, WI 53094
(920) 262-8090
www.ci.watertown.wi.us/health

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Disposing of Household Sharps

Jefferson County, WI

Disposal Tips

As the number of persons using sharps (needles, syringes and lancets) in their homes rises, so does the health risk to all workers in recycling facilities. Workers may be accidentally stuck when sharps are mixed with household garbage, recyclables or when flushed down a toilet.

All "needle stick" injuries demand expensive testing, cause long-term emotional stress and increase the risk of exposure to infectious diseases such as Hepatitis B and HIV.

To reduce such health risks, the State of Wisconsin has adopted rules effective November 1, 1994, regarding packaging, treating and disposing of sharps in healthcare settings and households.

Sharps must be packaged safely and either be incinerated in a licensed medical waste incinerator or rendered non-infectious and both broken and unable to be reused before they can be put into a landfill. Other infectious waste generated at home may be bagged and put out with the regular trash.

Packaging Steps

Follow these steps for packaging your used or unused sharps:

1. Place the sharps in rigid puncture-resistant containers with secure lids or caps.

Acceptable *containers include commercially available sharps containers or heavy plastic detergent or bleach bottles with screw caps.**

Unacceptable *containers include coffee cans (lids are easily punctured), plastic milk jugs, plastic bags, pop cans or bottles. Do not add bleach to the container. Bleach may not completely disinfect needles and it could spill and injure you or waste handlers.*

*Please check with drop-off site to see if they will accept containers other than official commercial sharps containers.

2. Visibly label the sharps container with words such as "bio-hazard" "infectious waste," "sharps" or with the bio-hazard emblem.

*It's also a good idea to label detergent bottles with the words **"do not recycle"** so that they are not accidentally included with recyclables.*

3. When the puncture-resistant container is full, sealed and labeled, store it out of reach of children and dispose of it properly.

Disposal Options:
Do not put the container out with the trash or with recyclables. Instead, take it to a registered sharps collection station or make other arrangements if such stations aren't available. Your healthcare provider can offer suggestions regarding locations for proper disposal. A list of Sharps drop-off sites is listed on the back of this brochure.