

## Disposal Locations

MCHS pharmacies will accept approved containers of sharps from patients free of charge.

Non-patients can dispose of approved containers of sharps for a \$4 fee.

### To find a pharmacy, visit:

[www.marshfieldclinic.org/Services/pharmacy](http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/Services/pharmacy)

### Free Community Disposal Sites:

Emergency Department at Marshfield Medical Center

### Contact your local pharmacy, public health department or sanitation department for options in your community, or visit:

[wisconsin.dnr.shinyapps.io/sharpscollectorsite/](http://wisconsin.dnr.shinyapps.io/sharpscollectorsite/)

[safeneedledisposal.org/states/wisconsin/](http://safeneedledisposal.org/states/wisconsin/)

**Safe sharps disposal is everyone's responsibility!**

Contact the Marshfield Clinic Health System Hazardous Materials Coordinator at 715-389-3763.



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## Community Sharps Disposal Program



Marshfield Clinic Health System



Marshfield Clinic Health System (MCHS) cares about the health and safety of our patients and community, that is why we have implemented the Community Sharps Disposal Program.








### What are “sharps”?

“Sharps” include medical needles, syringes, and lancets (finger stick devices).

### Why is safe sharps disposal important?

-  Used sharps pose a risk to anyone who comes in contact.
-  Sharps improperly disposed in the trash or toilet can cause injury.
-  Sharps disposed in the trash or toilet can cause problems at waste facilities.
-  Re-using sharps increase risk of exposure to Hepatitis B and HIV.
-  Needle-stick injuries can cause financial and emotional stress.
-  MCHS has responded to this need by providing a sharps disposal program.

### How can I use the program?

-  Place used sharps in an approved disposal container immediately after use to minimize risk of injury to others.
-  Only put blood-contaminated products or sharps in the container; all protective packaging can be placed in regular garbage.
-  Fill to designated “full” line listed on the front of the sharps container. *Do not fill over the “full” line!*
-  Ensure all used sharps are completely inside the container and that the cover is secured and fully closed.
-  Bring full containers to a designated disposal site or MCHS pharmacy.  
*\* Note that sharps must be dropped off and cannot be mailed.*

### What is an approved container?

MCHS will only accept sharps placed in biohazard sharps containers (as shown on the right).

**Do not use:** Steel/aluminum cans, glass, plastic tubs, buckets, bottles, cardboard boxes or paper/plastic bags.

