

Make Your Own Sharps Container:

A laundry detergent bottle is the best common household product to use for do-it-yourself sharps disposal:



- It should have a screw-on lid and be difficult to reach into the container
- It should be made of thick plastic that doesn't easily puncture.
- Clearly label the container "Sharps. Biohazard. Do Not Recycle."

Container Disposal:

Talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or local government sanitation department about disposal options.



- Add sharps to the container until it's two-thirds full
- Screw on the lid tightly and seal with heavy-duty tape
- Dispose of the container as directed by your local regulations.

The State of Indiana does not have guidelines for the disposal for home-generated sharps. Each county within the state follows its own guidelines. If your county has no guidelines, you should follow the EPA guidelines or utilize the following:

- **Drop-off collection sites:** Sites that accept filled sharps containers. These programs may distribute appropriate sharps containers or allow the use of empty household containers to collect sharps. ****Currently none in this area****
- **Mail-back programs:** Used sharps are placed in special containers, which are mailed (in accordance with the U.S. Postal Service requirements) to a collection site for proper disposal.
- **Home needle destruction devices:** A variety of products are available that clip, melt, or burn the needle and allow the syringe to be thrown in the garbage.

Tippecanoe County Sharps Disposal Guidelines:

- Put used hypodermic needles, lancets and other blood contaminated sharps in heavy plastic detergent bottles with screw on lids.
- Label clearly "Sharps, Don't Recycle" when you start each new container.
- Duct tape the lid shut and set out with the regular trash when full. NEVER set out loose needles. <http://www.tippecanowaste.org/>

Prescription Medication Disposal Locations

****Most locations do not accept sharps, aerosols (inhalers), or liquids****

IU Health Arnett Retail Pharmacy

(765) 448-8900
5165 McCarty Ln
Lafayette, IN 47905

Purdue Retail Pharmacy

(765) 494-1374
575 Stadium Mall Dr
West Lafayette, IN 47907

Meijer Pharmacy #137

(765) 449-9210
4901 SR 26 East
Lafayette, IN 47905

Meijer Pharmacy #186

(765) 637-4210
2636 US 52 W
West Lafayette, IN 47906

CVS Pharmacy #8657

(765) 447-1276
1725 Salem Street
Lafayette, IN 47904

CVS Pharmacy #6677

(765) 474-3834
3630 S 18th St
Lafayette, IN 47909

CVS Pharmacy #8680

(765) 477-6666
2806 Old US Hwy 231 S
Lafayette, IN 47909

Walmart Supercenter #3851

(765) 477-9379
2347 Veterans Memorial
Parkway S
Lafayette, IN 47909

CVS Pharmacy #6667

(765) 659-2462
201 South Jackson Street
Frankfort, IN 46041

CVS Pharmacy #8651

(765) 497-3551
512 Sagamore Pkwy W
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Walmart Supercenter #2339

(765) 463-0201
2801 Northwestern Ave
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office

(765) 423-9321
2640 Duncan Road
Lafayette, IN 47904

CVS Pharmacy #6674

(765) 564-4117
505 W Main Street
Delphi, IN 46923

Follow these simple steps to dispose of medicines in the household trash

MIX

Mix medicines (do not crush tablets or capsules) with an unpalatable substance such as dirt, cat litter, or used coffee grounds;



PLACE

Place the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag;



THROW

Throw the container in your household trash;



SCRATCH OUT

Scratch out all personal information on the prescription label of your empty pill bottle or empty medicine packaging to make it unreadable, then dispose of the container.

