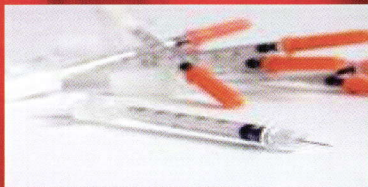


What Are The Dangers of Used Sharps?

Some sharps users throw their used needles in the trash or flush them down the toilet. Used sharps left loose among waste can cause unexpected injuries. Children, adults, and even pets are at risk for needle-stick injuries when sharps are disposed of improperly at home or in public settings. People exposed to sharps face the risk of contracting a life-altering disease such as HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis B or C.

Needle-stick injuries are a PREVENTABLE health risk.



Residents who self-inject can place their used sharps in either a special sharps container or an approved household container.

Approved Containers

- Commercial Sharps Container
- Large Heavy Duty Plastic Detergent Bottles with Sealable Lids.

Non-Approved Containers

- PLASTIC OR PAPER BAGS
- MILK CONTAINERS, GLASS CONTAINERS, OR OPEN TOP CONTAINERS

Take your filled approved sharps containers to a Collier County Recycling Drop-off Center for free proper disposal.



CUSTOMER SERVICE 239-252-2380

NAPLES RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER

2640 Enterprise Ave. West, (off Airport Rd.)
239-643-3099

Tuesday thru Saturday
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

MARCO ISLAND RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER

990 Chalmer Drive • 239-252-5153

Tuesday thru Saturday
8:30 AM to 11:00 AM & 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM

IMMOKALEE RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER

700 Stockade Road • 239-252-4145

Monday thru Saturday
7:30 AM to 11:30 AM & 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Sharps/Needles only — No Pharmaceuticals Accepted

NORTH COLLIER RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER

9950 Goodlette-Frank Road • 239-252-8617

Tuesday thru Saturday
8:30 AM to 11:00 AM & 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM

POISON CONTROL HOTLINE

1-800-222-1222

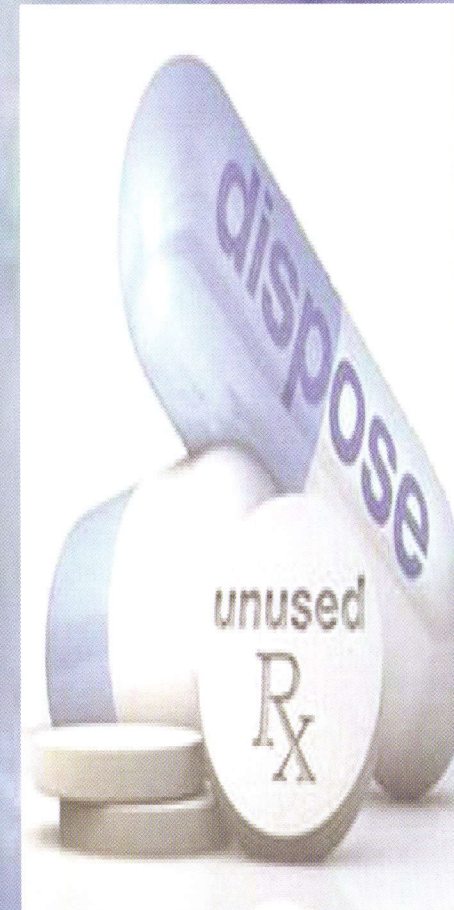


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PHARMACEUTICALS / SHARPS



Putting medication in the trash can lead to accidental ingestion by children or pets. It can lead to misuse and abuse due to theft. Ninety percent of medications that get into the wrong hands are from household access.



Never put drugs down a sink or toilet. The drugs can not be filtered out and are released into the water supply that we drink, wash and cook with.

Collier County is now accepting unwanted medication from residential customers for safe, environmentally responsible disposal.



What May I Bring?

Any over the counter medication, antibiotics, birth control pills, insulin, prescription medications, non-controlled substances.

Simply place your medication, still in its original container, into the pharmaceutical disposal container at the Recycling Drop-off Center for free disposal.



Keep Our Water Safe and Beautiful!

Bring Your Unwanted Medications to a Collier County Recycling Drop-off Center for Free Disposal.

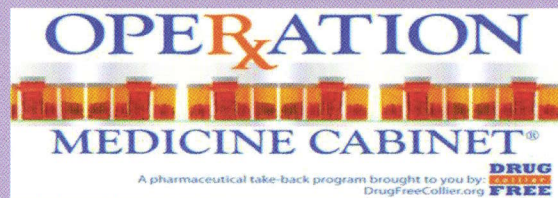
What May I Not Bring?

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SUCH AS PAIN, ANXIETY, ADD/ADHD MEDICATION.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT PHARMACEUTICALS FROM BUSINESSES OR MEDICAL FACILITIES.

We will accept over the counter and prescription medication as long as they are not controlled substances. Please black out your name from the label, but leave the name of the prescribed medicine visible.

Collier County Solid Waste Management Department partners with



Please bring your controlled substance medication to one of Drug Free Collier's Operation Medicine Cabinet's permanent drop-off locations.

- Collier County Sheriff's Office
3319 Tamiami Trail East
Mon-Fri, 7:30am-5pm
- Everglades City Hall
102 Copeland Avenue, Mon-Fri., 8am-5pm
- Marco Island Police Department
51 Bald Eagle Drive, Mon-Fri., 8am-5pm
- Naples Police Department
355 Riverside Circle, Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm



MAKE SURE YOU KEEP ALL MEDICATION STORED SAFELY IN A LOCKED CONTAINER.

Each year, eight million people across the country use more than three billion needles, syringes, and lancets to manage medical conditions at home.

Due to the hazards that unsafe disposal practices present, Collier County offers a safe, convenient disposal option for sharps users.

The Biomedical Waste Sharps Program allows residents in Collier County who use syringes and needles for medical purposes as part of their daily home health maintenance to bring the sharps to one of the county's Recycling Drop-off Centers for proper disposal.

Common Examples

- Syringes
- Needles
- Syringes with Needles
- Lancets

Biomedical Waste from businesses is **NOT** accepted.



What Are Sharps Used For?

People use sharps to treat various medical conditions at home, including

- Allergies
- Hepatitis
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Arthritis
- Psoriasis
- HIV/AIDS
- Osteoporosis
- Cancer
- Infertility
- Diabetes