Instructions for Disposing of IV Medications and Supplies

Proper disposal of waste in the home will ensure safety and infection control for you and others, such as your family. Please follow these steps when handling waste.

Medications, Containers & Supplies

- **Used IV medication and any supplies** - Place into your regular garbage.
  - Includes IV tubing, syringes with no needles, empty bags/syringes, or unused supplies.
- **Unused IV medication**
  - Take-Back programs may accept unused medications. Contact your local program to confirm they accept IV medications. ([www.doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback](http://www.doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback))
  - If no take-back programs are available, unused medications may be thrown in the trash:
    1) Mix medicines with an unpalatable substance (dirt, kitty litter, used coffee grounds).
    2) Place mix in a container such as a sealed plastic bag.
    3) Throw the container away in your household trash. ([www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov))
- To avoid spreading infections, **we are unable to accept returns of any medication or supplies**.

Needles & Sharps

- Put all needles in your sharps container. **Syringes with no needle can be thrown in the trash.**
- When full, bring your container to a registered collection station.
  - Note: some collection stations may only accept containers purchased at that location. It is recommended you call to confirm they are able to accept your container.
  - Do not throw your used “Sharps Container” in the trash.
- See the back of this sheet for sharps take-back locations, or visit the Wisconsin DNR webpage.
  - ([www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov))

IV Poles

- To avoid spreading infections, **we are unable to take back any supplies**, including IV poles
- Consider keeping the IV pole for future family or personal use.
- IV poles may be donated to your local Goodwill donation center.

Blood & Bodily Fluids

- Clean any spills with soap and water or 10:1 water and bleach solution.
- Always wear gloves and use disposable towels or sponges for cleaning.
- Place all soiled materials in a sealed plastic bag and throw away in the garbage.
Sharps Container Take-Back Locations

Froedtert Health Locations
Locations within **Froedtert Hospital** at 9200 W Wisconsin Ave.:
- Froedtert Hospital 87th Street Pharmacy
  Phone: 414-805-6500
- Center for Advanced Care Pharmacy
  Phone: 414-805-1295
- Community Memorial Emergency Department
  W180 N8085 Town Hall Rd | Menomonee Falls, WI
- Froedtert Hospital 92nd Street Pharmacy
  Phone: 414-805-5117
- Clinical Cancer Center Pharmacy
  Phone: 414-805-0977
- St. Joseph Hospital Emergency Department
  3200 Pleasant Valley Rd | West Bend, WI
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Other Community Locations
- South Milwaukee Health Department (414-768-8055)
  2424 15th Ave | Milwaukee, WI
- Franklin Health Department (414-425-9101)
  9229 W Loomis Rd | Franklin, WI
- Stericycle Inc. (262-878-1888)
  14035 Leetsbir Rd | Sturtevant, WI
- Greenfield Health Department (414-329-5275)
  7325 W Forest Home Ave | Greenfield, WI
- Greendale Health Department (414-423-2110)
  5650 Parking St | Greendale, WI
- Hales Corners Health Department (414-529-615)
  5885 S 116th St | Hales Corners, WI
- Oak Creek City Hall (414-768-6525)
  8640 S Howell Ave | Oak Creek, WI

If there are any questions related to the disposal of waste or if any improper waste disposal has occurred, please contact us:

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