

## Why is safe disposal of sharps and medications important?

Safe disposal of sharps and medications, can protect household members including pets, and the public from harm. Improperly disposing of medical sharps, like throwing them in the garbage or recycling, could result in a needle-stick injury and expose the injured person to blood-borne illnesses such as Hepatitis or HIV

## Disposal of Household Medical Sharps

Most pharmacies will provide FREE sharps containers to their clients. These containers will be marked with a biohazard symbol for identification.

1. Pick up a sharps container from your local participating pharmacy (subject to availability) or purchase one from a retailer.
2. After use, place used medical sharps in the provided container, ensuring the stack of sharps stay below the lid closure line.
3. Once full, permanently close the container following the instructions and return it to the pharmacy.

The County of Lambton also provides residents an opportunity to properly dispose of potentially hazardous waste from their homes.



Information on hazardous  
waste disposal

## Disposal of Expired or Unwanted Medications

Return expired or unused medications to your local pharmacy or a pharmacy participating in the Ontario Medication Return Program. Always ensure your medications are stored safely, in a locked area and out of children's reach.

1. Identify unwanted medications by checking the expiry dates and consulting with your doctor.
2. Transfer medications, such as tablets, into a clear bag but keep liquids and creams in their original containers while removing your personal information. Do not mix sharps and medications.
3. Seal the bag and return it to the pharmacy.



Map of participating  
pharmacies.



Community Sharps  
Disposal Bins locations

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