

Safe Needle & Medicine Disposal

It is important to safely get rid of used needles and lancets (sharps) to protect yourself and others. Used needles can hurt people and spread diseases. Never throw a used needle or sharp into the trash.

To safely dispose of used needles/sharps:

Always Put Needles In a Safe Sharps Container



- **Use a hard plastic bottle** with a screw top such as a bleach or laundry detergent bottle or a coffee can. *(Do not use a glass jar because it can break.)
 - **Seal the cap** tightly and use duct tape if necessary to keep the lid from coming off.
 - **Label** the bottle "Danger. Needles Inside."
 - **Place** the bottle in a tied trash bag and put it in a trash can.
- **Use an outdoor** needle drop box (map below).
- **If you find needles** in your neighborhood, call 311.
- **Buy a sharps container** at the pharmacy.

Unused or unwanted medicines can harm families, the community and the environment. Drugs can be abused (accidentally or intentionally) and flushing them poses the threat of chemicals entering our lakes, rivers, streams and drinking water. Be sure you know how to properly dispose of medications.

Safely Dispose of Medicines In Household Trash

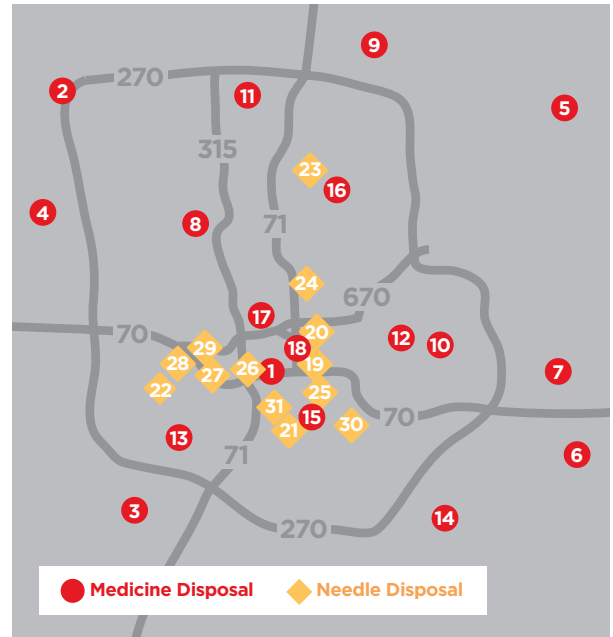


- **Mix** medicines (do not crush tablets or capsules) with an unpalatable substance such as dirt, kitty litter or used coffee grounds.
- **Place** the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag.
- **Throw** the container in your household trash.
- **Scratch out** all personal information on the prescription label of your empty pill bottle or packaging to make it unreadable, then dispose of the container.

Community Needle & Medicine Disposal Sites

You can safely dispose of needles or medications (pills, patches, pet medication and vitamins are accepted; NO liquids or gel caps) at various locations in Central Ohio. Contact locations directly for site-specific details.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Franklin County Sheriff's Office
375 S. High St., Columbus 2. City of Dublin
6565 Commerce Parkway, Dublin 3. Grove City Division of Police
3360 Park St., Grove City 4. Hilliard Police Department
5171 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard 5. New Albany Police Department
9500 Johnstown Rd., New Albany 6. Pickerington Police Department
1311 Refugee Rd., Pickerington 7. Reynoldsburg Police Department
7240 E Main St., Reynoldsburg 8. Upper Arlington Police Department
3600 Tremont Rd., Columbus 9. Westerville Division of Police
29 S. State St., Westerville 10. Whitehall Division of Police
365 S. Yearling Rd., Whitehall 11. Worthington Division of Police
6555 Worthington Galena Rd., Worthington 12. Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center
20 N. James Rd., Columbus 13. Franklin Township Business Office
2193 Frank Rd., Columbus 14. Madison Township Police Department
4567 Madison Ln., Groveport 15. Columbus Police Property Room
724 E. Woodrow Ave., Columbus 16. Clinton Township Police Department
3820 Cleveland Ave., Columbus 17. Equitas Health
1033 N. High St., Columbus | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. Equitas Health - King-Lincoln
750 E. Long St., Columbus 19. Columbus Public Health
240 Parsons Ave., Columbus 20. Franklin County Job & Family Services - East Opportunity Center
1055 Mt. Vernon Ave., Columbus 21. PrimaryOne Health - John R. Maloney Health Center
1905 Parsons Ave., Columbus 22. Hilltop Library Branch
511 S. Hague Ave., Columbus 23. Franklin County Job & Family Services - Northland Opportunity Center
1721 Northland Park Ave., Columbus 24. Columbus Fire Dept. Station 18
1630 Cleveland Ave., Columbus 25. Corpus Christi Church
1111 Stewart Ave., Columbus 26. Dodge Recreation Center
667 Sullivant Ave., Columbus 27. Netcare Access
199 South Central Ave., Columbus 28. Columbus Fire Dept. Station 17
2250 W. Broad St., Columbus 29. Safe Point
1267 W. Broad St., Columbus 30. Maryhaven
1791 Alum Creek Dr., Columbus 31. Maryhaven Stabilization Unit
1430 S. High St., Columbus |
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