

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

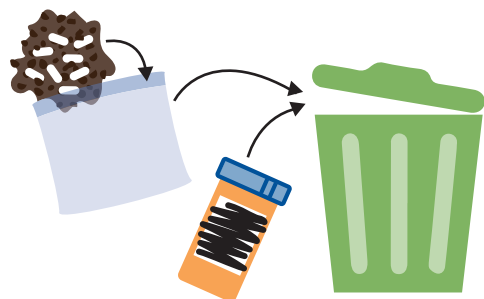
- **Use a hard plastic bottle** with a screw top such as a bleach or laundry detergent bottle or a coffee can. *(Do not use a glass jar because it can break.)
 - **Seal the cap** tightly and use duct tape if necessary to keep the lid from coming off.
 - **Label** the bottle "Danger. Needles Inside."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

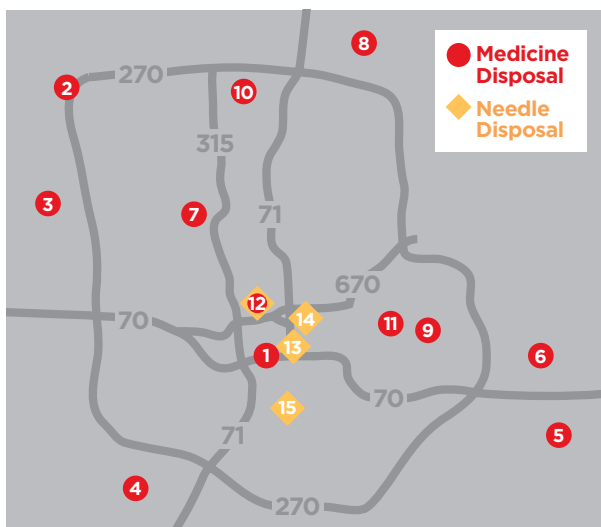
Safely Dispose of Medicines In Household Trash

- **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.



1. Franklin County Sheriff's Office
375 S. High St., Columbus

2. City of Dublin
6565 Commerce Parkway, Dublin

3. Hilliard Police Department
5171 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard

4. Grove City Division of Police
3360 Park St., Grove City

5. Pickerington Police Department
1311 Refugee Rd., Pickerington

6. Reynoldsburg Police Department
7240 E Main St., Reynoldsburg

7. Upper Arlington Police Department
3600 Tremont Rd., Columbus

8. Westerville Division of Police
29 S. State St., Westerville

9. Whitehall Division of Police
365 S. Yearling Rd., Whitehall

10. Worthington Division of Police
6555 Worthington Galena Rd., Worthington

11. Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center
20 N. James Rd., Columbus

12. Equitas Health (needle & medicine disposal site)
1033 N. High St., Columbus

13. Columbus Public Health
240 Parsons Ave., Columbus

14. Franklin County Job & Family Services - East Opportunity Center
1055 Mt. Vernon Ave., Columbus

15. PrimaryOne Health - John R. Maloney Health Center
1905 Parsons Ave., Columbus