

SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL



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*Ottawa Valley
Waste Recovery Centre*

Frequently Asked Questions

What are Sharps?

Sharps are considered to mean hypodermic syringes, lancets, insulin “pen-tips”, and can also include other sharp-edged items such as broken glass or knives. The information offered here is for the proper disposal of sharps as defined at the first.

What are the hazards?

When sharps are improperly disposed of in the blue box and/or garbage they pose a personal health and safety hazard to both collection and sorting workers. Used needles, lancets, and syringes could transmit diseases such as HIV, Hepatitis or Tetanus.

Is there legal consequences of placing Sharps in the blue box and/or garbage?

It is against Municipal By-Laws to dispose of sharps in your household garbage or recycling. Treat sharps as Household Hazardous Waste and dispose of accordingly.

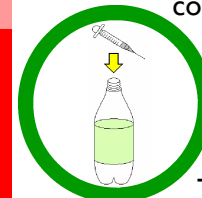
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What are my options?

The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre’s Household Hazardous Waste Facility is licensed to accept residential sharps, provided they are properly packaged.

Needles must be placed in a rigid container (i.e. plastic pop bottle; no glass jars), sealed, and labelled as containing needles. They must be brought to our facility, free of charge, on special household hazardous waste days or during normal operating hours.



Please Note: The Household Hazardous Waste Depot is open to residents of the Town of Petawawa, the City of Pembroke, the Township of Laurentian Valley, the Township of North Algona Wilberforce, the Township Bonnechere Valley.

SHARPS TAKE BACK PROGRAMS

There are also a number of local pharmacies who participate in Sharps Take Back Programs. You can purchase specially designed containers from most Pharmacies who then in turn take back the container for proper disposal.

(Call to confirm cost and packaging requirements):

Mulvihill Drug Mart Locations:
1231 Pembroke St. W 735-1079
Pembroke General Hospital 735-0161
Moncion Grocers East 735-6559
Moncion Grocers Petawawa 687-7607

PharmaPlus Locations:
Pembroke Mall 732-7611
380 Isabella 732-9161
20 Wolfe Ave. 687-2400

Conway's Pharmacy
251 Bridge St., Eganville 628-2808

**DO NOT TAKE SHARPS TO THE
ABOVE LOCATIONS IN PLASTIC
BOTTLES OR OTHER RIGID
CONTAINERS.**

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SHARPS CONTAINERS
(purchased at the pharmacy)**

Other Options

*There are also other options for
needle disposal.*

***Needle Clipper:** Some
pharmacies sell needle clippers
that actually "clip" the needle off
and the base then becomes
regular garbage and the needle
is enclosed in a container which
must be disposed of as
hazardous waste.*

***Needle Incinerator:** These are
more expensive units but allow
for a very safe and
environmentally friendly method
of needle disposal. The
incinerator reduces the needle to
ash in 1-2 seconds allowing the
remaining syringe to be
disposed of in the regular
garbage.*

**For the Safety
of everyone we
THANK YOU for
disposing of
your SHARPS
properly.**



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