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BURLINGTON COUNTY SAFE SYRINGE DISPOSAL PROGRAM GUIDE

Background:

Improper disposal of hypodermic needles may cause serious risk to others. Used needles and syringes can transmit HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and other diseases. Loose needles, syringes, and other medical sharps should be collected in heavy-duty plastic containers. Never flush them down the toilet, place in recycling bins, or in household garbage. This can be a source of disease transmission to both humans and animals.

Used needles and syringes should be placed in a **sharps container**.

For a one-time fee of \$10, participating hospitals can provide you with a sharps container for your used needles.

When the container is full, exchange it for a new one for free.

Participating Hospitals

Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County, Mt. Holly
175 Madison Ave, (609)267-0700
Must use hospital issues container
Drop-off: Monday-Friday 8:30 am-2:30pm

Virtua Marlton of Burlington County
Brick Rd, Marlton (856)355-6000
Drop-off: Monday-Sunday, any time
First time container pick up: must come Monday-Friday before 4:30
Go to front desk in the main lobby

Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County
218 Sunset road, Willingboro (609)835-2900
Drop off: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: (:00 am – 4:00pm

Please Note: The above hospitals might not take medication disposal. To find participating medication drop boxes, go to <http://www.americanmedicinechest.com/>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO GET A SHARPS BOX

As a last resort your used syringes can be placed in tough, rigid containers that will protect other people from needle sticks. Follow these steps to safely dispose of your syringes:

- **DON'T** use glass containers (they can break) or thin, lightweight plastic containers (they can be punctured by the needles)
- **DON'T** use any containers that will be returned to a store
- **DON'T** place the filled sharps container in the recycling. **TRASH ONLY**
- **DO** use a tough plastic container, like an old laundry detergent bottle
- **DO** make sure the lid fits tightly, screw on tops are the most secure. Use duct tape to secure it if necessary
- **DO** remove all labels if possible and write "SHARPS" on both sides of the container so it is easy to see