

# Safe Disposal of Needles and Other Sharps

*The safest way to dispose of a used needle is to immediately place it in a sharps disposal container to reduce the risk of needle sticks, cuts, and punctures from loose sharps. **NEVER** throw away loose needles and other sharps in trash cans or recycling bins, and never flush them down the toilet.*



## **Household Users**

### **Where can I dispose of my sharps?**

Household generated "Sharps" including needles, syringes, and lancets are accepted at the La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) facility free of charge from La Crosse County Residents. 3202 Berlin Drive, La Crosse, WI 54601; 608-785-9999

### **How do I turn my sharps into HHM?**

Sharps must be brought to HHM in approved containers. The only acceptable containers are: a registered, red "Sharps" container or a thick plastic laundry detergent bottle with a screw type cap. Detergent containers should be labeled with the word "SHARPS" using black, permanent marker.

### **Are there outdoor sharps containers that I can use?**

The City of La Crosse has 2 outdoor sharps containers that are available for the public to use. These containers are a safe collection option for all needles and syringes.

1. North Side: Near the boat ramp behind Hardee's
2. South Side: In the Jay Street alley between 4th and 5th Streets

### **Where are the other sharps collection stations in my area?**

Besides dropping your household sharps off at HHM, there are 6 other sharps collections stations in La Crosse County. Call for more information on availability, accessibility, and limitations.

1. La Crosse Police Department, 400 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, 608-789-7738
2. Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, 1900 South Ave, La Crosse, 608-775-3735
3. Mayo Clinic-Franciscan Health, 700 West Ave S, La Crosse, 608-785-0940
4. Cass St Medicine Shoppe, 510 Cass St, La Crosse, 608-784-9922
5. Service Drugs, 111 Sand Lake Rd, Onalaska, 608-775-8595
6. West Salem Pharmacy, 126 S Leonard St, West Salem, 608-786-0210

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## **Non-household/Business Users**

### **How can my business dispose of its sharps?**

Businesses can also use the HHM facility. Fees apply, preregistration is required, and service is by appointment only. For more information or to fill out the necessary forms, visit <http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/solidwaste/hhm.asp#whatis3> or call 608-785-9999.

### **Who can I call to pick up sharps from my business?**

LRI, or Lamp Recyclers, out of Green Bay picks up sharps from businesses in the La Crosse area; you can call for more information at 800-558-1166.