



Chippewa County
Residents

Sharps Disposal



Chippewa County Recycling Program
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What are “sharps”?

The term “sharps” refers to needles, syringes or lancets used by a growing number of home health care patients. According to the American Diabetes Association, diabetics throw out more than 1 billion needles every year. These sharps pose a health risk to people who handle the waste. In order to reduce such health risks, the state legislature has approved rules effective November 1, 1994, governing how people must dispose of sharps. The rules require that sharps be treated at a licensed medical waste incinerator or by a method which renders the sharps non-infectious and non-reusable, before they are disposed of in a landfill. **Simply disposing of sharps with regular household garbage is no longer legal in Wisconsin.**

The following health care facilities, which service residents from Chippewa County have initiated programs to give the public a means of properly disposing of used needles, syringes, lancets, and other medical waste typically referred to as “sharps.”

Chippewa County Public Health
(715) 726-7900—711 N. Bridge Street
Chippewa Falls

Chippewa County Public Health offers a sharps collection service to the public. New containers may be purchased for \$10. Hours available for drop off and purchase are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



St. Joseph’s Hospital
(715) 726-3260—2661 County Hwy I
Chippewa Falls

This sharps collection program is offered at no cost to the public given they purchase a special sharps disposal container available at the gift shop. Collection containers vary in price depending on size. Full containers can be dropped off for disposal at the hospital laboratory, Monday—Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **at no charge.**

Our Lady of Victory Hospital
(715) 644-5571 or (715) 644-6168
1120 Pine Street, Stanley

Our Lady of Victory Hospital offers the service of disposing of home-generated sharps to community members. Sharps collected at Our Lady of Victory Hospital must be in an approved container. When the container is full, please close/seal the container properly before dropping it off. Our Lady of Victory will accept containers Monday—Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the front desk and dispose of them **at no charge**. New containers can be purchased at the Hometown Shopko Pharmacy for \$10.

Rusk County Memorial Hospital
(715) 532-5561—900 College Ave. W.
Ladysmith

The Rusk County Memorial Hospital offers a sharps collection service to the public. Users will be asked to obtain an approved container from the hospital laboratory at no cost. Those full containers can be brought to the hospital laboratory during hospital hours. A \$3 dollar disposal fee will be charged.

