

This information sheet is provided to you from Sawyer County Health and Human Services. With increasing rates of Hepatitis C in our community we would like to promote safe disposal of medical sharps. Listed below are ways to dispose of medical sharps in order to minimize potential health risks to waste workers and to individuals in our community. Many alternatives can be found through some online researching.

❖ **Local Site for Proper Disposal –**

- Sharps (needle) Disposal Program

Sawyer County Health and Human Services 10610

Main Street Suite 224 Hayward, WI

Hours: Monday-Friday (8:30-11:30am and 12:30-4:00pm)

*Additional hours: Wednesday 4-7pm

*Needles will be accepted in Sharps container. If you are not have the finances to get a sharps container, we will accept sharps in an enclosed heavy duty plastic container.

*There is a charge of \$7.00 per pound (inquire for financial assistance if needed)

❖ **At Home Needle Destruction Devices—**

- Certain needle destruction devices are available

for purchasing online. The Disintegrator (listed below) uses battery power to disintegrate the needle.

Where the disintegrator can be purchased: www.schoolhealth.com

*Similar items can be found at other online sources

❖ **Sharps mail-back programs—**

- Various mail back programs for disposing of

sharps can be found online. Search “sharps mail back programs”



Needle Safety

- ❖ Use an approved sharps container for disposal of any needles, syringes or lancets.
- ❖ Keep sharps container in safe areas that pets and children cannot access.
- ❖ Do not store sharps in cans, drinking containers, or bottles.
- ❖ Never place loose sharps or sharps containers in trash or recycling bins.
- ❖ Do not try to re-cap or clip a needle that has been used by another person.
- ❖ Do not flush any sharps.
- ❖ Do not keep any other hazardous wastes with sharps.
- ❖ Do not empty your sharps container into any needle drop boxes.
- ❖ Never reuse a needle or share needles.

Proper Disposal of Unused Medications/Unneeded Drugs

❖ Local Site for Proper Disposal –

*These sites will accept non-controlled medications (including liquid) in their original containers.

- **Essentia Health-**
Hayward Clinic Pharmacy 11134N State Road 77
Hayward, WI 54843
715-634-6774
Monday thru Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- **Northern Lakes Co-op Pharmacy-**
15870 U.S. Highway 63
Hayward, WI 54843
(715)-634-8238
Monday thru Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **ICO Health Center Pharmacy-**
13380 W Trepatica Road
Hayward, WI 54843
Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
(715)-634-5100



❖ All Law Enforcement Sites:

**Will take ANY unwanted or unneeded pills.

Hayward City Police Department
15889 W 3rd St, Hayward, WI 54843
715-634-8961 Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

- Sawyer County Sheriff's
15880 E. Third Street, Hayward, WI 54843
715-634-4888 Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

- ICO Tribal Police Department
9792N County Highway K
Hayward, WI 54843
715-634-8350
Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
*ICO Police will also accept liquid medications



Drug Disposal Facts

- ❖ The Environmental Protection Agency has found traces of pharmaceuticals in surface and ground water. Pharmaceutical drugs in water can have a negative impact on the aquatic ecosystem including fish, birds, and other animals.
 - ❖ Some of the substances found in water include antibiotics, hormones, mood stabilizers, and more!
 - ❖ Wastewater treatment plants are not able to filter the compounds found in medications from our water.
 - ❖ Use the sites above to dispose of leftover medication. NEVER flush medication or put it in any other water sources.