

Additional Medical Waste Information

- Soiled bandages, disposable sheets, gloves, IV bags and such should be placed in securely tied plastic bags before you put them in the garbage with your other refuse.

Improperly discarded medical waste can:

- Injure trash haulers and landfill workers
- Contaminate and jeopardize recycling programs
- Can spread disease if reused or shared

For more information:

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Household Sharps, Medical Waste and Unwanted Medication



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How to Safely Dispose of Household Sharps

Safe Disposal

- Safe disposal of sharps (needles, syringes, lancets) prevents sharps from being re-used or shared, which can spread disease.
- Safe disposal protects children, pets and workers, who handle trash & recyclables, from injury or illness.
- Safe disposal protects the environment.



Storing Used Sharps

Follow guidelines below when storing sharps until they can safely be disposed of.

DO:

- Place used sharps in a sharps container. Containers can be purchased at local drug stores. If you do not have a sharps container, use a plastic bottle that cannot be broken or punctured, such as a detergent bottle. Screw cap on and tape cap. Write "sharps" on the container. Bring to a designated drop-off location.
- Place sharps in container directly after use. Keep container closed and away from children and pets. Store in a secure location.
- When traveling, bring container with you.



DON'T:

- **Don't** put sharp containers in the trash.*

- **Don't** clip, bend or put the cap back on used sharps.
- **Don't** put sharps or sharp containers in with the recyclables.
- **Don't** put used sharps in soda cans, milk cartons, glass bottles or containers that can be broken or punctured. Coffee cans are not safe because plastic lids come off easily, or leak, or can be punctured.

*Used sharps containers can be placed in the trash only if access to a drop-off is not available.

Drop-Off Locations

- Wilson Hospital 763-6599
33-57 Harrison St., Johnson City
- Binghamton General Hospital 763-6599
10-42 Mitchell Ave., Binghamton
- Lourdes Hospital 798-5218
161 Riverside Dr., Binghamton
- Willow Point Nursing Home 763-4400
3700 Old Vestal Rd., Vestal
- Hilltop Campus 798-7818
286 Deyo Hill Rd., Johnson City
- Bridgewater for Rehabilitation and Nursing 729-9206
282 Riverside Dr., Johnson City
- River Meade Nursing Home 722-7225
159 Front St., Binghamton
- Ideal Senior Living Center 786-7420
508 High Ave., Endicott
- Good Shepard - Fairview Home, Inc. 724-2477
80 Fairview Ave., Binghamton

Unwanted Medication Drop-Off

Residents can drop-off unwanted medications for proper handling to:



■ **Broome County Sheriff's Office**
Administration Lobby
155 Lt. VanWinkle Dr.,
Binghamton, NY

Hours for Drop-Off:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday

■ Broome County Office Building

60 Hawley Street
Binghamton, NY

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Unwanted medications should NOT be flushed down the toilet. If you are not able to bring medications to a drop-off, follow the guidelines below:

- Treat medications (liquids and pills) by adding water and then ashes, dirt, cat litter, coffee grounds, or another undesirable substance, to avoid accidental or intentional misuse of drugs.
- Hide all medications in an outer container to prevent discovery and removal from the trash.
- Dispose of drugs as close to your trash collection day as possible.