

Items Accepted

- Prescription medications, including controlled substances
- All over-the-counter medications
- Pet medications
- Vitamins and supplements
- Medicated ointments, lotions, creams and oils
- Liquid medications in leak-proof containers
- Homeopathic and herbal remedies
- Suppositories



Missouri P2D2 Board Members placing unused prescription drugs into a drop-off box.

Items not Accepted

- Illegal drugs
- Needles/sharps
- Syringes with needles
- Thermometers
- IV bags and tubing
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products
- Empty containers
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Aerosol cans and inhalers

Sharps Disposal Information

Safe Needle and Sharps Disposal Information

Missouri does not currently have any designated drop off locations, so first ask your health care provider, pharmacy, hospital, or veterinarian if they will accept your sharps for disposal.

Sharps may be disposed of in regular trash after they have been packaged in rigid, leak-proof containers (e.g. detergent bottle, metal coffee can) and tightly sealed.

- Tape a label with the words "Infectious Waste" or "Biohazard Waste" to the outside of the container.
- Seal the container lid using as strong tape (e.g. duct tape) before placing in trash.
- Contact your waste hauler to explain how you will be disposing of your sharps and confirm that they will accept.

What not to do with these items:

- Never place loose needles in the trash.
- Never dispose of containers with used needles in a recycling bin.
- Never flush sharps down the toilet.

Helpful Links

- [Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal](#)
- [St. Louis Household Hazardous Waste](#)
- [Community Options for Safe Needle Disposal](#)

