

# sharps collection program



## Why we offer this program

Since 1994, Wisconsin law has required that sharps (syringes, needles, lancets) be separated from general household trash, and rendered noninfectious and unusable before being placed in a landfill.

## Program overview and contact information

The listed Mercy pharmacies are Wisconsin-registered sharps collection stations and accept sharps containers from residents. Residents are required to use a sharps container as sold by Mercy pharmacies. A one-quart container is **\$3\* plus tax**. A two-gallon container is **\$6\* plus tax**. Resident may drop off their filled containers at the Mercy Walworth or Mercy Milton pharmacy (or lab) free of charge. Residents must purchase a new container to continue in the program.

Another option is to use a needle-clipping and storage device that holds up to 1,500 clipped needles, approximately a 2-year supply (insulin syringe needles and pen needles). This device is **\$5\* plus tax**. The syringe without the needle can go into regular trash. Individuals who administer their own medications are not at risk from their own needles; **do not clip needles unless they are from your own syringes**.

For more information about Mercy's program and policies, call Joan Shadel, Director of Retail Operations, at (608) 755-8787 or Candace Thompson, Environmental Services Manager, at (608) 756-6665.

Mercy pharmacies in Janesville operate under the Janesville Sharps Disposal Program.

## What to put in sharps containers

Only used hypodermic needles, lancets and syringes with attached needles. Gauze, cotton swabs and other medical wastes should not be placed in the container.

## About sharps containers

1. A sharps container is made of red, rigid plastic and has a locking lid to safely hold used sharps for disposal.
2. Follow all directions provided with the container, taking care not to overfill it.
3. When the container is full, close or cap the opening as directed. The lid is designed to lock when closed tightly; after the lid is locked, you will not be able to reopen it.
4. **It is illegal to put this container in the trash.**

## Keep everyone safe by properly disposing your needles

\* Prices quoted were in effect as of 05/04/10 and may be subject to change.

### Mercy Milton Pharmacy

725 S. Janesville St.

Milton, WI

(608) 868-6777

Monday - Friday: 9 am - 6 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 1 pm

### Mercy Walworth Pharmacy

Hwys. 50 and 67

N2950 State Road 67

Lake Geneva, WI

(262) 245-2319

Monday - Friday: 9 am - 6 pm

