



**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WASTE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION**

Sharps Collection Programs for Michigan Residents

***This list was compiled by the Medical Waste Regulatory Program, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Any additions, deletions, or updates to this list may be requested by contacting Andrew Shannon at (517) 335-1146. ***

County	Program	Phone	Contact	Program Description
All Counties	Safe Needle Disposal	N/A	www.safeneedledisposal.org	Recommendations and links for proper needle disposal, including mail-back programs.
All Counties	BD Sharps Disposal By Mail (BD, Sharps Inc. & Waste Management)	(877) 927-8363	Sharps Compliance 9050 Kirby Dr. Houston, TX 77054	Mail-back sharps disposal systems. Full sharps containers are sent to company via postal mail where they are decontaminated and disposed of.
All Counties	Safe Medical Systems Mailback Sharps Disposal Service	(877) SAFEMED (723-3633)	Safe Medical Systems Atlanta, GA 30359	Mail-back sharps disposal systems. Full sharps containers are sent to company via postal mail where they are decontaminated and disposed of.
All Counties	MedWaste Tracker, “safe solutions for sharps” sharps mail return program	(866) 699-6466	WM Healthcare Solutions Inc., a Waste Management Company 1001 Fannin St., Suite 4000 Houston, Texas 77002 www.thinkgreenfromhome.com	Consumer purchases a MedWaste Tracker system from a pharmacy or ThinkGreenfromHome.com. The system is filled with sharps (syringes and lancets). The user prepares the system for shipment using the provided instructions and gives to mail carrier.
Alcona	Northeast Michigan Recycling Alliance Authority Resource Recovery Facility	(989) 354-9870	Mary Dunckel MSU Extension	Properly contained sharps are accepted for a fee at the HHW station on M-32 West, just outside the city of Alpena.

Allegan	Allegan County Resource Recovery	(269) 673-5415	Mary Jones Allegan County Resource Recovery	Collection containers free from Health Department or purchased at local pharmacies. Full containers, labeled with name and address of resident, are taken to the Health Department for disposal by medical waste company.
Alpena	Northeast Michigan Recycling Alliance Authority Resource Recovery Facility	(989) 354-9870	Mary Dunckel MSU Extension	Properly contained sharps are accepted for a fee at the HHW station on M-32 West, just outside the city of Alpena.
Baraga	Western U.P. District Health Department	(906) 482-7382	www.westernuphealth.org	Residentially generated sharps accepted at all offices (Hancock, L'Anse, Bessemer, and Ontonagon). Sharps must be in puncture-proof containers (sharps container, coffee cans, detergent bottles, etc.). Visit website for contact info.
Bay	Bay County Environmental Health Division Household Hazardous Materials Disposal and Mercury Thermometer Exchange	(989) 895-4006	http://www.co.bay.mi.us/bay/home.nsf/Public/Environmental_Health_Division.htm	Call for availability and schedule of events.
Benzie	Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital Residential Sharps Collection	(231) 352-9631	Hospital Laboratory	Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital in Frankfort provides free sharps containers and disposal to residents of Benzie County. Sharps containers may be picked up at the hospital laboratory and brought back to the laboratory for disposal when full. Sharps must be properly contained to be accepted for disposal.
Berrien	Berrien County Household Hazardous Waste Collections	(269) 983-7111 Ext. 8234	J. Cooley Berrien County Resource Recovery jcooley@berriencounty.org	Home generated medical waste accepted at nine different times during the year. Call with questions.

Branch	City of Coldwater HHW Collection	(517) 279-9531	Paul Beckhusen Director Coldwater Board of Public Utilities	HHW collections occur once every two years, generally in October of odd numbered years. Accept properly contained sharps from residents of Coldwater only. Contact your local health department, physician, pharmacy, or hospital for options outside of Coldwater.
Calhoun	Calhoun County Solid Waste Department Sharps Disposal by Mail System	(269) 781-9841	Tiffany Eichhorst Solid Waste Director	Residents of Calhoun County are entitled to one free mail-back sharps container annually, available at several pharmacies around Calhoun County. Additional containers are available for a \$5 co pay. When full, the containers are mailed to Sharps Compliance, Inc. for proper treatment and disposal. Please contact the Department for a full list of participating pharmacies.
Cheboygan	Cheboygan Memorial Hospital Sharps Collection	(231) 627-1253	Dennis Gunderson Materials Mgr	Properly contained sharps are collected from residents of Cheboygan County. Call for info.
Chippewa	War Memorial Hospital Sharps Collection	(906) 635-4460	Jane McCloud	Properly contained sharps (sharps containers and laundry detergent bottles) are collected and incinerated. Free for Chippewa County Residents. Please call first.
Clinton	Clinton County/Granger Landfill Sharps Collection http://207.75.96.11/waste/SyringeCollectionProgram.htm	County: (989) 224-5186 Granger: 888-9-GRANGER	County: Clinton County Dept. of Waste Management Granger: Phil Mikus	Residents of Clinton County may pick up free sharps containers from several pharmacies in Clinton County and bring properly contained sharps to the Granger Office. They will be directed to a special collection container for properly contained sharps. Please call first.

Crawford	Crawford County Household Hazardous Waste Collection	(989) 275-3163	Barb Stauffer, Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District Administrator & Roscommon County Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator	Collection held annually in June in Grayling. Residents of Crawford County may bring properly contained sharps to collection.
Delta	Delta County Landfill www.dswma.org	(906) 786-9056	Don Pyle Manager	Accept properly contained sharps from county residents for disposal. Place in a sharps container or laundry detergent bottle with "sharps" written on bottle and bring to landfill.
Eaton	Eaton County Department of Resource Recovery Sharps Disposal Program	(517) 543-7500 Ext. 3686	Lisa Lafferty Eaton County Department of Resource Recovery	Eaton County residents are allowed three (3) mail-back sharps containers per year from participating pharmacies. The first container is free and the remaining two containers are available for a \$5 co-pay. When full, the containers are mailed to Sharps Compliance, Inc. for proper treatment and disposal. Please contact the Department for a full list of participating pharmacies.
Emmet	Emmet County Recycling Center and HHW Drop-Off Site	(231) 348-0660	Same	Please call first. There is a small fee to dispose of sharps. Located at 7363 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs MI 49740.
Genesee	Cherry Street Pharmacy Sharps Collection	(810) 659-5608	Ray Dorhout RPh	Container may be purchased for a small fee and brought back to the pharmacy when full for proper disposal.
Gogebic	Western U.P. District Health Department	(906) 482-7382	www.westernuphealth.org	Residentially generated sharps accepted at all offices (Hancock, L'Anse, Bessemer, and Ontonagon). Sharps must be in puncture-proof containers (sharps container, coffee cans, detergent bottles, etc.). Visit website for contact info.

Grand Traverse	Pharmacy Sharps Disposal—Check for Availability	(231) 941-5555	Grand Traverse Co Recycle Hotline	Containers are purchased from the facilities and the disposal is included in the purchase price.
Houghton	Western U.P. District Health Department	(906) 482-7382	www.westernuphealth.org	Residentially generated sharps accepted at all offices (Hancock, L’Anse, Bessemer, and Ontonagon). Sharps must be in puncture-proof containers (sharps container, coffee cans, detergent bottles, etc.). Visit website for contact info.
Ingham	Ingham County Medical Sharps Disposal Program	(517) 887-4521	Ingham County Health Department	Residents may bring their sharps containers to the Ingham County Health Department for free disposal.
Isabella	Isabella County’s “Bee Smart” Program http://beesmartsharps.org	(989) 773-9631	Marnie Basney Isabella County Recycling Environmental Education Specialist recycling@isabellacounty.org	Residents of Isabella County receive free sharps containers from several participating businesses. When full, the containers may be brought to one of several secure drop boxes around the county for proper disposal (fire department, health facilities). Check website for container pick-up and drop-off sites or call for info.
Keweenaw	Western U.P. District Health Department	(906) 482-7382	www.westernuphealth.org	Residentially generated sharps accepted at all offices (Hancock, L’Anse, Bessemer, and Ontonagon). Sharps must be in puncture-proof containers (sharps container, coffee cans, detergent bottles, etc.). Visit website for contact info.
Lenawee	Wheelock’s Pharmacy	(517) 263-7175	Pharmacy Staff	Residentially generated sharps (in sharps containers) are accepted at the pharmacy. The charge is \$5 for a small container, \$10 for a medium container, and \$20 for a large container. There is a \$2 discount for disposal if the container is purchased at the pharmacy. The pharmacy is located at 700 E. Church St. in Adrian.
Livingston	Livingston Co. Waste Reduction http://co.livingston.mi.us/SolidWaste/hhwCollections.htm	(517) 545-6958/(517) 545-9609	Livingston County Solid Waste Management	Website contains info and directions to a permanent HHW collection center where properly contained sharps are accepted.

Luce	Helen Newberry Joy Hospital and Healthcare Center	(906) 293-9189	Hospital Laboratory	Laboratory gives residents of Luce County free sharps containers. When full, they are returned for a new container.
Marquette	Marquette County Residents http://mcswma.com/hhw.html	(906) 249-4108	Marquette County Solid Waste Authority	Accepts home generated medical waste through the operation of a grant-funded household hazardous waste collection program. Collections occur at different sites May through October. Please call or visit website.
Mecosta 1	Osceola-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection	(231) 832-2950	Kathy Fischer Osceola-Lake Conservation District	HHW collections are held every year on the second Saturday in October. Properly contained sharps labeled with contents will be accepted for disposal. Available to residents of Lake, Osceola, and Mecosta Counties only.
Mecosta 2	Mecosta County Medical Center	(231) 796-8691	Laboratory	Mecosta County Medical Center will accept properly contained sharps from residents of Mecosta County, and will provide a free container if needed. Call directly or stop by the facility and have them direct you to the laboratory.
Missaukee	Missaukee Conservation District Household Hazardous Waste Collection Website: http://www.missaukeecd.org/Recycling.htm	(231) 839-7193	Missaukee Conservation District	Missaukee Conservation District (MCD) offers a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day yearly. Accept residential sharps at collections. Contact MCD to inquire on next scheduled event.
Monroe	Mercy Memorial Hospital Sharps Collection	(734) 240-5808	Brad Stotz Director of Lab Services	Accept home-generated sharps in approved containers. Please call first.
Montcalm	Montcalm County HHW Collections	(989) 831-7500	Dixie Ward MSU Extension	Two HHW collections per year. Properly contained sharps will be accepted. Call for brochure.
Montmorency	Northeast Michigan Recycling Alliance Authority Resource Recovery Facility	(989) 354-9870	Mary Dunckel MSU Extension	Properly contained sharps are accepted for a fee at the HHW station on M-32 West, just outside the city of Alpena.

Muskegon	Muskegon County Health Department Sharps Container Disposal and Exchange Program www.muskegonhealth.net	(231) 724-1293	Jill Montgomery M.P.A.-- PH Quality Improvement Specialist	Each participant will be issued up to 4 one gal size sharps containers and allowed to dispose of up to 5 approved sharps containers during their membership year for an annual fee of \$20/year/member. Only approved sharps containers accepted.
Newaygo	Newaygo County HHW Collection	(231) 689-7225	Cindy Sullivan	HHW collection annually in June. Accept home-generated sharps. Please contact office for more information.
Oakland I	SOCRRA Communities http://www.socrra.org/waste.html	(248) 288-5150	SOCRRA	Residents of Berkley, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, and Troy can utilize SOCRRA for home-generated sharps disposal.
Oakland II	Bloomfield Township Medical Sharps Curbside Pick-up	1-800-796-9696	Waste Management	Sharps containers purchased for \$7.95 each from Waste Management. When full, place next to regular trash for pickup. Call Waste Management each time you need a new sharps container.
Oakland III	NOHAZ Communities	(248) 858-5656	NOHAZ	Properly packaged sharps are accepted from residents of the following communities: Brandon Twp, Commerce, Groveland, Lake Orion, Oakland, Orchard Lake, Orion Twp, Ortonville, Oxford, Oxford Twp, Pontiac, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Waterford, White Lake, and Wolverine Lake. Call for info.
Oceana	Hackley Lakeshore Hospital	(231) 861-3009	John DeMorrow	Properly packaged sharps are accepted for collection by the hospital. Bring sharps to hospital and ask for Maintenance Department to drop off sharps.
Ontonagon	Western U.P. District Health Department	(906) 482-7382	www.westernuphealth.org	Residentially generated sharps accepted at all offices (Hancock, L'Anse, Bessemer, and Ontonagon). Sharps must be in puncture-proof containers (sharps container, coffee cans, detergent bottles, etc.). Visit website for contact info.

Osceola	Osceola-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection	(231) 832-2950	Kathy Fischer Osceola-Lake Conservation District	HHW collections are held every year on the second Saturday in October. Properly contained sharps labeled with contents will be accepted for disposal. Available to residents of Lake, Osceola, and Mecosta Counties only.
Oscoda	NE Michigan Recycling Alliance Authority Resource Recovery	(989) 354-9870	Mary Dunckel MSU Extension	Properly contained sharps are accepted for a fee at the HHW station on M-32 West, just outside the city of Alpena.
Otsego	Otsego Memorial Hospital Sharps Collection	(989) 731-2241 or (989) 731-2242	Ralph Pardo or Cathy Foust	Otsego Memorial Hospital will accept properly contained sharps from residents of Otsego County. The hospital reserves the right to limit the volume of sharps collected.
Ottawa	Ottawa County Health Department Sharps Collection Program	(616) 494-5569	Ottawa County Health Department	Health Department offers free home-use medical sharps containers to residents. Stop by any Health Department branch to pick up container and bring back when full to receive a new one. Only Ottawa County Health Department issued containers will be accepted.
Presque Isle	Northeast Michigan Recycling Alliance Authority Resource Recovery	(989) 354-9870	Mary Dunckel MSU Extension	Properly contained sharps are accepted for a fee at the HHW station on M-32 West, just outside the city of Alpena.
Roscommon	Roscommon County Household Hazardous Waste Collections	(989) 275-3163	Barb Stauffer, Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District Administrator & Roscommon County Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator	Residents of Roscommon County may bring properly contained sharps to household hazardous waste collections, which are available twice per year. Please call for specific dates.

Saginaw	City of Saginaw Curbside Collection	(989) 781-9555	Mid-Michigan Waste Authority	Put sharps in a purchased sharps container, an empty coffee can, or an empty laundry detergent or bleach bottle. When the container is full, tape the lid down with duct tape or packing tape. Label the container with the words "MEDICAL WASTE" or "SHARPS". Place next to regular trash for pickup.
Shiawassee	Shiawassee County HHW Collection	(989) 743-2259	Larry Johnson Registered Sanitarian	Residents of Shiawassee County are encouraged to take properly contained sharps to HHW Collections.
Schoolcraft	Schoolcraft Memorial	(906) 341-3232	Catherine Flores Infection Control	Properly contained sharps are accepted by the hospital. The hospital will provide a container that can be brought back to the facility when full.
Washtenaw	Washtenaw County Sharps Disposal Sites http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/planning_environment/dpw/sharps_html	(734) 222-3827	Dan Moody Solid Waste Coordinator	Website contains 11 drop off sites for sharps along with instructions for proper packaging. Drop off sites are located in 6 communities in Washtenaw County.
Washtenaw 2	Lane Animal Hospital	(734) 475-8696	Donna Lane, Office Manager	Sharps accepted from residents of Washtenaw County at Lane Animal Hospital located at 701 N. Main St. in Chelsea. Call first.
Wayne	Wayne County Department of Environment	(734) 326-3936	Land Resource Management Division	Contact regarding availability of local household hazardous waste (HHW) collections that offer sharps collection for residents.

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