

## Other Disposal Options

- Contract with a U.S. Postal Service approved mail-back service. These companies will provide you with containers and directions on packaging your sharps waste, so they can be returned to the company through the U.S. mail. A list of these companies can be obtained from the Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal at 1-800-643-1643 or visit the website at [www.safeneedledisposal.org](http://www.safeneedledisposal.org)

Sharps Container Mail-back Contact:  
BD Sharps Disposal by Mail  
Sharps Compliance  
9050 Kirby Drive  
Houston TX 77054  
Phone: (877) 927-8363

Full sharps containers are sent to company via postal mail where they are decontaminated and disposed of.



- Purchase a product that allows you to destroy needles at home by burning, melting or cutting off the needle - making it safe to throw in the garbage. You can obtain a list of companies that make home needle destruction devices from the Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal, phone number and website address listed above.



- **Do not** place sharps in a recyclable plastic or glass container and send them to a recycling center.
- **Do not** let small children handle or play with sharps containers.
- **Do not** flush needles, syringes and lancets down the toilet.
- **Do not** discard needles or lancets in the hotel, airline or cruise line trash when traveling. Ask if a sharps container is available or package the used sharps in a puncture resistant container and bring them home with you for proper disposal.



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# SHARPS DISPOSAL IN MONTCALM COUNTY



**Sharps  
disposal**



The improper disposal of sharps is a county wide health and safety hazard!

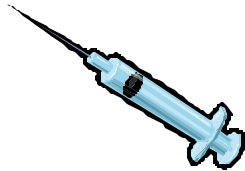
Sharps include needles, syringes and lancets used for checking blood glucose levels.



People at the greatest risk of suffering a needle stick injury include sanitation and sewage treatment plant workers, janitors, housekeepers and children.

### Sharps are used to treat:

- Allergies
- Cancer
- Erectile Dysfunction
- HIV/AIDS
- Migraines
- Osteoporosis
- Arthritis
- Diabetes
- Hepatitis
- Infertility
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Psoriasis



One out of every 20 people in the United States has diabetes and use an average of two sharps daily.

Needle stick injury victims suffer anxiety, depression, disease monitoring and possible long-term infectious disease treatment.

Diabetics use syringes, needles and lancets to administer home health care. In addition, many patients with cancer, arthritis and other chronic diseases generate sharps as a medical waste with self-administered home health care.

**These “sharps,” if not disposed of in puncture-resistant containers, can:**



- Injure waste haulers.
- Increase the risk of infection.
- Pollute our environment.



*It is a violation of Michigan law to dispose of sharps and needles at the recycling sites and is subject to fine and/or prison (MCL 324.8905(2). [324,89052]; therefore the individual disposing of sharps inappropriately may be prosecuted to the fullest.*

## Montcalm County Drop-off Sites for Sharps

### Sheridan Community Hospital

301 North Main Street  
Sheridan, Michigan 48884  
*Hours: Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.*

### United Lifestyles

407 South Nelson  
Greenville, Michigan 48838  
*Hours: Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

### Spectrum Health United Memorial Hospital Medical Specialty Center Lab Draw Station

705 South Greenville West Drive  
Greenville, Michigan 48838  
*Hours: Monday - Friday  
6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

**Sharps must be in a closed  
rigid container!**