



## MEDICATION & SHARPS DISPOSAL / PACKAGING RECYCLING

For injectable medications, we provide a sharps container to throw away your used needles. "Sharps" is a medical term that refers to items that can puncture or cut the skin.

Examples include: needles, syringes, lancets, auto injectors and infusion sets. Proper disposal is important to prevent injury and the spread of infections to others. Sharps containers are for disposal of sharps ONLY.

State laws for the safe disposal of medications, packaging and sharps can vary from state to state and even from county to county. Below are some resources to help you understand the laws in your area and dispose of your medications, packaging, or sharps properly.

Medication and Sharps Disposal	
Medication disposal	Visit <a href="http://www.disposemy meds.org">www.disposemy meds.org</a> or <a href="http://safe.pharmacy/drug-disposal">safe.pharmacy/drug-disposal</a> to find a drop off location near you.
Used sharps disposal	Visit <a href="http://www.safeneedledisposal.org">www.safeneedledisposal.org</a> to find a disposal location near you.
Local resources	Your local waste department or county health department may be able to provide direction for safe medication and sharps disposal.
Packaging Recycling	
Expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) packaging recycling	Visit <a href="http://www.recyclenation.com">www.recyclenation.com</a> and enter your zip code to learn where you can drop off your packaging.
Ice chest recycling	The ice chests we use contain foam #6. Visit <a href="http://www.homeforfoam.com">www.homeforfoam.com</a> to find a drop-off location near you.
Ice pack recycling	Nordic Ice™ gel packs contain non-toxic gel and water-soluble gels. According to the manufacturer, these gel packs can be easily recycled. Simply thaw the pouch, cut the corner, carefully pour the contents into the trash, and recycle the plastic normally.
Use/Reuse Suggestions	Ice chests, packs and polystyrene can be reused. These can be used for hunting, camping and fishing, among other uses, or can be donated to organizations that support these activities.

If you have questions about medication or sharps disposal, please call our pharmacy at **855-213-0070**.