

# Sharps-Disposal Event

The Sharps-Disposal Event is meant to provide an opportunity for safe disposal of sharps to your community. This event can be held in conjunction with the October Drug Take Back Day Event or as a standalone event. Some communities have permanent drop boxes available for the public to safely dispose of sharps at any time. Discarded sharps collected from a permanent drop box still need to be disposed, often at the expense of the agency or business hosting the permanent drop box which is a costly commitment. The opportunity provides your community with a way to safely dispose of sharps at no cost to the organization hosting the event.



## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for the Sharps Disposal Event:

- Identify a designated person(s) who knows how to safely handle sharps and request they be present at the event.
- Advertise for the event and email flyer to [substanceuseservices@marshfieldclinic.org](mailto:substanceuseservices@marshfieldclinic.org)
- Report data to Marshfield Clinic Health System, as requested.
- Must abide by all WI laws surrounding sharps collection and disposal.
- Review sharps collection station [map](#) and familiarize yourself with locations of sites that are already established. This could help inform and address health equity accessibility gaps in your community.

## Tips and Tricks for Success

- Provide stick proof gloves for volunteers.
- Partner with your local health department to assist with safety precautions during event and disposal following the event.
- Contact your local waste management to learn how to properly dispose of sharps.
- Provide proper disposal containers.
- Know the correct protocol if someone should get a stick at the event.
- Consider partnering with an establish sharps collection station to assist in disposing of sharps collected during the event:

<https://wisconsindnr.shinyapps.io/sharpscollectorsite/>