



Protect Yourself
Protect Others
Protect the Environment

Home Medical Waste



SHARPS

(discarded needles, syringes, lancets)

Protect people from getting hurt or cut

- Do not throw these into the trash
- Use an approved sharps container (no coffee cans or pop bottles)



1. Sharps containers available for purchase at pharmacies and medical supply stores
2. FREE disposal of filled sharps containers at local transfer stations:



The Dalles Disposal Service

1317 W 1st Street, The Dalles

Hood River Garbage Service

3440 Guignard Drive, Hood River

UNUSED MEDICATIONS

Protect young children from accidental poisonings.

Prevent intentional misuse of drugs, especially by teenagers and young adults.

- Do not flush medicines down the drain or toilet, this can pollute the water supply
 - Do not burn household waste containing pharmaceuticals
 - Wrap and conceal the products for disposal in the trash
1. Keep medicines in original containers
 2. Remove or conceal any personal information on labels
 3. Mix in a substance such as flour, used coffee grounds, kitty litter or dirt
 4. Tape lid if not child-proof and there are children in the home
 5. Place in plastic, sealable bag and "hide" in another container in the trash

In the future, Oregon hopes to develop a "drug take-back" program for safe and convenient collection and disposal of unused and unwanted medications.

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