

## SHARPS COLLECTION STATIONS\*

COPPS Pharmacy – COPPS Stevens Point - Pine Crest 715/345-7175

COPPS Pharmacy – COPPS Plover 715/344-0066

COPPS Pharmacies require you to use a commercial sharps container. Call pharmacy for details.

K-Mart Pharmacy 715/341-5613

Shopko Pharmacy – Main Street 715/344-1230

Shopko Pharmacy – Plover 715/342-9368

Trigs County Market Pharmacy 715/341-6102

Walgreen's Pharmacy (Park Ridge) 715/344-7368

Walgreen's Pharmacy (Church Street) 715/345-2843

Walgreen's Pharmacy (Ministry Health Care Clinic) 715/344-6834

**Please follow all instructions listed in this brochure carefully to assure the safety of your family, the public, and all pharmacy staff and customers.**

This Household Sharps Collection Program is sponsored by the Portage County Solid Waste Department, which appreciates the assistance and cooperation of the participating pharmacies.

**For more information about solid waste disposal and recycling in Portage County call the Information Line at (715) 343-6297**

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# Household "SHARPS" Collection Program

**PORTAGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**



- ▶ Safe
- ▶ Convenient
- ▶ Easy, no forms to complete
- ▶ Available at **No Charge** to Portage County residents generating sharps at home.

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## SHARPS DISPOSAL

Sharps (needles, syringes and lancets) that are not properly handled or are improperly discarded can pose a health risk of infections and diseases to family members, sanitation and recycling center workers, and others who might be accidentally stuck by them.



Sharps must be disposed of separately from regular trash or recyclables. The Portage County Solid Waste Department works with local pharmacies to provide a safe and economical collection program only for residents who use sharps **at home**.

## SIMPLE STEPS TO SAFE PACKAGING

### Approved containers

- Commercial sharps disposal container on sale at most pharmacies and required by Aurora Pharmacies.
- A properly labeled, heavy plastic detergent or bleach bottle with a screw-on cap for sealing tightly.



1. Place the sharps in a rigid, puncture-resistant container that can be securely sealed. Do not separate the needle from the syringe.
2. Be sure the container is labeled with the words “**bio-hazard,**” “**infectious waste,**” “**sharps**” or with the bio-hazard emblem. It’s a good idea to label detergent bottles with the words “**Do Not Recycle**” so that they are not accidentally included with recyclables.

### Unacceptable containers

#### **DO NOT USE:**

coffee or other steel cans; glass bottles or jars; aluminum cans; plastic tubs, buckets, milk jugs, soda bottles or bags.

## DELIVERING TO A COLLECTION STATION

When the container is three-quarters full, sealed and labeled, take it to any of the registered sharps collection stations in Portage County that are listed on the opposite side of this brochure.

Please call the collection station **directly** to confirm their hours and procedures.

Take your sharps container directly to the pharmacy’s checkout for their instructions on where to place the container for collection and disposal.

Pharmacies **will not accept** sharps delivered in unacceptable or unlabeled containers.

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