



## Washington County Solid Waste and Recycling Program [www.RecycleWise.org](http://www.RecycleWise.org)

### Sharps (needles, syringes and lancets)

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All needles, lancets, and syringes (also referred to as sharps) are considered hazardous waste and must be disposed of properly. Collect sharps in an approved sharps container. According to state law, approved sharps containers are rigid, leak-proof, puncture resistant, sealed and clearly marked with the bio-hazard symbol. Containers such as milk jugs and coffee cans are not considered safe for sharps storage.

**Do not place sharps into your garbage can or recycling container** - they pose a risk to workers collecting or sorting the materials. Instead, choose an approved method to dispose of sharps from the list below.

### Collection and Disposal Options

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#### Contact Your Pharmacy.

Many area pharmacies offer sharps disposal and container exchange programs that provide containers like the one pictured here. Bi-Mart and Fred Meyer stores offer a program for a small fee.



#### Order Collection Service.

In Washington County, sharps and other medical waste can be collected through your local hauler through a sub-contract to Bio-Med of Oregon. Call your [garbage service provider](#) for home and commercial collection service options.

#### Mail them in.

Some vendors offer sharps-by-mail service, a safe, confidential, "from home" mailing solution for sharps disposal. The program offers various container sizes and mailing options. For additional information review Metro's [Sharps container exchange program brochure](#).

#### Take Sharps to a Metro Hazardous Waste Facility or Neighborhood Collection Event.

Metro's [Sharps Disposal and Container Exchange Program](#) allows residents in the metropolitan region to bring sharps that are stored in approved sharps containers to [Metro's hazardous waste facilities](#) where participants can dispose of used sharps free of charge and receive a new container. Between Spring and Fall Metro holds Neighborhood [Household Hazardous Waste collection events throughout the region](#). Residents nearby event locations are encouraged to bring used sharps and other household hazardous waste to the event for safe collection.

***Residential care facilities, group homes and other commercial generators of sharps should contact their regular solid waste collection company. Call Metro Recycling Information at (503) 234-3000 for more information.***

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## Disposal Facilities and Resources

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### Metro Recycling Information Center

(503) 234-3000

[oregonmetro.gov/recycling](http://oregonmetro.gov/recycling)

### Metro Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities

Metro Central Station 6161 NW 61st Ave, Portland

Metro South Station 2001 Washington St, Oregon City

### Bio-Med of Oregon

(541) 738-6460

Supply, pickup and disposal of sharps containers for a fee in Washington and Clackamas counties.

## Used Sharps Container Drop-off Locations in Washington County

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Below is a partial list of facilities/businesses in Washington County that accept used lancets, syringes and needles for safe disposal. Contact the facility nearest you for hours of operation, any applicable disposal or program fees and collection participation status.

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Aloha Garbage & Recycling Company	20525 SW Blanton Street, #A	503-649-6727
Allied Waste - Tualatin Office	10295 SW Ridder Road, Suite 2	503-570-0626
Bi-Mart - Aloha	5975 S 185th Avenue	503-649-6562
Bi-Mart - Forest Grove	3225 Pacific Avenue	503-357-0244
Bi-Mart - Hillsboro	2075 SE Tualatin Valley Highway	503-640-3777
Fred Meyer - Beaverton	11425 SW Beaverton-Hills Highway	503-526-1833
Fred Meyer - Beaverton	15995 SW Walker Road	503-690-5833
Fred Meyer - Beaverton	7700 SW Beaverton-Hills Highway	503-203-4033
Fred Meyer - Cornelius	2200 Baseline Street	503-359-3103
Fred Meyer - Hillsboro	6495 SE Tualatin Valley Highway	503-848-4583
Fred Meyer - Hillsboro	22075 NW Imbrie Drive	503-747-1115
Fred Meyer - Tigard	11565 SW Pacific Highway	503-293-7085
Fred Meyer - Tualatin	19200 SW Martinazzi Avenue	503-691-4233
Hillsboro Pharmacy	243 East Main Street	503-648-1811
McCann's Pharmacy - King City	15685 SW 116 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	503-693-7377



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