



Disposal of Medication and Sharps



Locations for Medication Disposal

Acceptable Items:

Prescription/Over-the-counter medications.
Medication in any dosage form in the original container or sealed bag.

To protect your privacy cross out or remove personal identifying information from the medicine packaging.

Unacceptable Items:

Sharps/Syringes/ EpiPens
Aerosol cans/inhalers
Ointments/ lotions /liquids
Herbal remedies/ vitamins/supplements
Medical devices/batteries/thermometers
Illicit drugs
Pet pesticide products/ animal medicines/ biologics.

Columbia City - City Hall 503-397-4010

1840 2nd St, Columbia City
Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm
Closed from 12pm - 1pm each day

Rainier Police Department 503-556-3644

106 B St, Rainier
Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm

Vernonia Police Department 503-429-7335

1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia
Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

Rite Aid 503 -397-6787

785 South Columbia River Hwy
St Helens, OR 97051

Hi School Pharmacy 503-543-6316

33454 SW Chinook Plaza
Scappoose, OR 97056

Columbia County's FREE Sharps Container Exchange Program

If you use sharps at home follow these easy steps to utilize the sharps container exchange program

1. Enroll at any of the locations listed below:

Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District
280 SE Third Street, Clatskanie
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 4:00pm

Columbia River Fire & Rescue – Rainier Station
211 West 2nd Street, Rainier
Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00 pm

Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District
12525 Highway 202, Mist
Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Scappoose Rural Fire District
52751 Columbia River Highway, Scappoose
Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District
555 East Bridge Street, Vernonia
Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00am-3:30 pm *Call for Appt. (503) 429-8252*

Columbia County Transfer Station Scale House
1601 Railroad Avenue, St Helens
Hours: Mon-Sat 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

2. Bring your full sharps container back to one of the above participating **fire stations** or the **Columbia County Transfer Station for proper disposal.**

3. Receive a new empty container at no cost.

Tips for Safe Medication Storage

- **Monitor:** Start by taking note of how many pills are in each of your prescription bottles or pill packets, and keep track of refills
- Store medicines in a safe location that is too high for young children to reach or see

<https://drugfree.org/article/secure-dispose-of-medicine-properly/>
<http://www.upandaway.org/resource/up-and-away-tip-sheet-2/>