



Disposal of Medication and Sharps

Locations for Medication Disposal

Acceptable Items:

Prescription/Over-the-counter medications, Vitamins

Unacceptable Items:

Sharps/Syringes

Aerosol cans/inhalers

EpiPens

Ointments, lotions and liquids



St. Helens Police Department 503-397-3333

150 S 13th St

St Helens, OR 97051

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

Closed from 12pm - 1pm each day

Scappoose Police Department 503-543-3114

33568 E. Columbia Avenue

Scappoose, OR 97056

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

(excluding holidays)

Closed from 12pm-1pm each day

Vernonia Police Department 503-429-7335

1001 Bridge Street

Vernonia, OR 97064

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

Columbia County's Sharps Container Exchange Program

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

1. Enroll at the Columbia County Transfer Station Scale House (1601 Railroad Avenue; St Helens, OR) for just \$5 per container, and get a new sharps disposal container at no cost each time you submit a full one for proper disposal.
2. Bring your full sharps container to the Columbia County Transfer Station Scale House (1601 Railroad Avenue, St Helens) between 8am-5pm, Monday—Saturday 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/>