

SHARPS DISPOSAL

DOs and DON'Ts

- ◆ **DO** always place used needles, syringes, and lancets into a heavy plastic container.
- ◆ **DO** keep sharps containers in a child- and animal-proof area.
- ◆ **DON'T** put sharps in soda cans or bottles, juice bottles, glass containers, coffee cans, milk cartons, or any container to be recycled.
- ◆ **DON'T** put sharps containers or loose sharps into your trash or recycling bin.
- ◆ **DON'T** flush needles or lancets down the toilet. They may end up on our beaches and rivers.
- ◆ **DON'T** mix other hazardous waste products (batteries, unused medicine, etc.) with your needles.
- ◆ **DON'T** empty the contents of your sharps container into the Needle Drop Box. Place the whole container in the box.

Why Sharps Disposal?

- ◆ 9 million Americans self-inject prescription drugs
- ◆ 93% of self-injectors dispose of their used syringes in the trash
- ◆ 3% flush syringes down the toilet
- ◆ An unknown number of accidental needle sticks occur each year, but even one is too many
- ◆ Most self-injectors want a safe way to dispose of their needles

Source: www.SafeNeedleDisposal.org



**Blue Earth County
Environmental Services
and
Community Health
507-304-4242
www.co.blue-earth.mn.us**

and

SNYDERS

**Snyders Drug Store
602 South Front Street
Mankato
507-387-3028**

Blue Earth County Brings You

**Safe,
Affordable
HOME
SHARPS
Disposal**

**Easy as
1-2-3**



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Home Sharps Disposal EASY AS 1-2-3

1. Properly Package Your Home Sharps in Heavy Plastic Container, and Attach Lid with Duct Tape

2. Bring to Snyders Drug on Collection Day *ONLY* (see Calendar) Between 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

Snyders Drug Store
602 S. Front Street
Mankato

3. \$2.00 Per Container Up to 1 Gallon in Size

Correct Change Appreciated
Make Checks Payable to
Blue Earth County



2009 Thursday Collection Dates Are Highlighted Below

MARCH 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

APRIL 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

MAY 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
²⁴ / ₃₁	25	26	27	28	29	30

JUNE 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Beginning March 26, 2009, collections will be held every 4th Thursday from 9:30 am—6:00 pm, except December 31st. Collections will resume in January, 2010.

JULY 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST 2009						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
²³ / ₃₀	²⁴ / ₃₁	25	26	27	28	29

SEPTEMBER 2009						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER 2009						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER 2009						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

DECEMBER 2009							
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	No Collection this week						