

# MAKING A GOOD POINT ABOUT MEDICAL SHARPS



Used medical sharps are a health risk. When not disposed of properly they can cut and infect others. Protect others by always disposing of used sharps in a sharps disposal container.

How can Leon County residents safely dispose of medical sharps, such as needles, syringes and lancets?

Residents can pick up a free sharps container at the Florida Department of Health in Leon County. When the container is full, return the closed box and receive a new one at no charge.

**Florida Department of Health  
in Leon County:**

1515 Old Bainbridge Road  
(850) 606-8150



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# UNWANTED MEDICINE DOESN'T BELONG DOWN THE DRAIN

Flushing unwanted medicine down the toilet or pouring them down a drain can contaminate surface and ground waters.

Check with your pharmacy about a take-back program. There is a medicine drop-off site at the Tallahassee Police Department, 234 East 7th Avenue.

Here are some tips from the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center for safe medicine disposal:

1. Keep medicine in original container
2. Mark out personal information
3. Add water or soda to dissolve pills and add an absorbent, such as cat litter, to liquid medicine
4. Close lid, secure with heavy tape
5. Put bottles in a can or box
6. Place in household garbage

## **Leon County Hazardous Waste Center**

Monday - Saturday, 8 AM - 5 PM

7550 Apalachee Parkway

Tallahassee, FL 32311

(850) 606-1803

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