

If you have questions about the Grant County Sharps Collection Program, call any of the agencies listed below:

**Grant County
Health Department
723-6416**

Disposal Fee Small \$5.00 &
Large \$10.00 Free Disposal if
GCHD Containers

**Southwest Health Center
348-2331**

Free Disposal, Take Into ER

**Grant Regional Health Center
723-2143**

Free Disposal, Take Into ER

**Gundersen—Boscobel
Area Hospital
375-4112**

Free Disposal, Take Into ER

**Boscobel Pharmacy
375-4466**
Disposal Fee \$5 (any size)

**Faherty's Inc.
348-9586**
Disposal Fee \$10 & Includes
New Container

Containers can currently be picked
up from the following sites:

Grant County Health Department
111 South Jefferson St
Lancaster, WI 53813

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Faherty's Inc.
1120 Broadway
Platteville, WI 53818

If red biohazard containers are
obtained from a source other than
those listed above ask that provider
about their disposal plan.

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**Grant County  
Health Department**  
111 S Jefferson St—Floor 2  
Lancaster, WI 53813-1672  
**(608) 723-6416**  
health@co.grant.wi.gov

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# Grant County Household Sharps Collection Program



This program is intended for people who use sharps in the home.

Sharps (needles, syringes, and lancets) that are not properly handled or are improperly discarded can pose a serious risk of infections and diseases to family members, especially children, sanitation workers and other who might accidentally be stuck by them.

State Law requires that sharps used in the home be properly discarded.

To properly discard sharps :

- Put used sharps in approved red sharps containers.
- When container is full, lock the lid.
- Wipe outside of container with any household cleaner.
- Dressings and other non-sharps medical waste can be placed in plastic bag that is tied shut and put in regular garbage.
- If the materials are dripping with body fluids they require special handling. Call the Grant County Health Department at 723-6416.

### **IMPORTANT:**

- ◆ Do not discard in household garbage.
- ◆ Do not try to recycle your used sharps.
- ◆ Do not separate needle from syringe.
- ◆ Do not clip or bend needles.
- ◆ Keep your sharps out of the reach of children.

Since disposal in household garbage is no longer acceptable, several providers located throughout Grant County are now offering to take your properly packaged used sharps. They will ensure that your sharps are properly disposed of.

Grant County's Sharp Collection Program is:

- Safer
- Convenient with numerous locations throughout Grant County.
- Easy, no forms to fill out (you can remain anonymous)
- Charge is minimal and includes cost for safe disposal.

### **How does Grant County Sharps Collection Program work?**

- ▶ Choose site that is most convenient to you.
- ▶ If this is your first visit to the site you have selected, call ahead to inquire about the hours of operation and to ask how to package your first delivery of sharps.
- ▶ At the time of your first visit, you'll receive an approved container specifically designed to store your used sharps in.
- ▶ These containers are for sharps only. For example, you should not place the following items in them:
  - ◆ Used bandages and dressings
  - ◆ Q-tips
  - ◆ Kleenex tissue
  - ◆ gauze pads
  - ◆ medicine containers
  - ◆ alcohol swabs