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# Maine Sharps Disposal Community Outreach Toolkit

## SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL IS SIMPLE

Provided by members of the Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship Work Group, MyOldMeds.com identifies free, easy, and convenient ways to properly dispose of home-generated medicines and sharps.

## LOCATOR TOOL: FIND A DISPOSAL SITE NEAR YOU

Many cities and counties offer sharps disposal programs. Find a drop-off location for your home-generated sharps at MyOldMeds.com.



## SHARPS DISPOSAL GUIDANCE

### For All 50 States

MyOldMeds.com highlights the importance of proper sharps disposal, featuring state-specific guidelines for all 50 states.

MyOldMeds.com's searchable database lists sharps drop-off locations in pharmacies, law enforcement agencies, government offices, and healthcare facilities.

Always follow your state's guidelines and properly dispose of used sharps. Learn more at [MyOldMeds.com/Sharps](https://MyOldMeds.com/Sharps)

## HOW TO DISPOSE OF SHARPS

Most states allow properly-sealed sharps containers to be placed in the household trash. If this is not permitted in your area, many options exist.

Visit [MyOldMeds.com/sharps](https://MyOldMeds.com/sharps) for your state's guidelines.



Put used sharps in a **heavy-duty, plastic container**. Never throw loose sharps in the trash, recycling, or toilet.



When the container is about three-quarters (3/4) full, put the lid on, seal it with duct tape, and label: **DO NOT RECYCLE**.



Use our locator to find a disposal site near you or dispose of the container in your **household trash**.\* *Do not recycle the container.*



**What type of containers can be used for sharps disposal?** If available, use an FDA-cleared sharps container.\*\* Otherwise, a heavy-duty plastic household container, such as a laundry detergent container, can be used as an alternative.



\*Check your local regulations at [MyOldMeds.com/Sharps](https://MyOldMeds.com/Sharps). If your area does not permit disposal in the household trash, then follow the guidance of your state or locality.



\*\* Scan the QR code for more information on FDA-cleared containers.



# Social Media Templates

Available for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram; these graphics and suggested text templates are a great way to quickly and frequently demonstrate your support for safe disposal in your community. Contact [info@ppswg.org](mailto:info@ppswg.org) for high resolution graphics.

**Safe sharps disposal in Maine is easy!**

Learn more at [MyOldMeds.com/Sharps/Resources/Maine](http://MyOldMeds.com/Sharps/Resources/Maine)

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Unsure of how to dispose of your sharps in Maine? @MyOldMeds provides safe disposal guidance for Maine residents. Visit [MyOldMeds.com/Sharps/Resources/Maine](http://MyOldMeds.com/Sharps/Resources/Maine) for more information! #MyOldMeds

**Maine: Do you know how to safely dispose of sharps?**

It's easier than you think!  
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Do you have used or unneeded sharps? It's easy and safer to get rid of it right away. @[Legislator Name] supports @MyOldMeds, the nation's largest database of safe and convenient drug and sharps disposal options. MyOldMeds.com/Sharps/Resources/Maine provides guidance on how to safely dispose of your sharps in Maine. #MyOldMeds

**Maine: Sharps don't belong in the recycling**

Learn how to safely dispose of sharps: [MyOldMeds.com/Sharps/Resources/Maine](http://MyOldMeds.com/Sharps/Resources/Maine)

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@ [Legislator Name] is proud to help raise awareness of the comprehensive sharp disposal options available for Maine residents via @MyOldMeds. Learn how to safely dispose of your sharps at [MyOldMeds.com/Sharps/Resources/Maine](http://MyOldMeds.com/Sharps/Resources/Maine). #MyOldMeds